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Commenced a journal on board of Ship  
Columbia of Nantucket. October the 1<sup>st</sup>. A.D. 1850.

Tuesday, Oct. the <sup>at 11 A.M.</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>. We took our anchor and  
made sail, from below the flats at Edgartown,  
for a whaling voyage, the wind being light from  
the S.W. and a head tide we steered our course  
for Holmes Hole.

Wednesday the 2<sup>d</sup> At 2 o'clock P.M. Came to  
anchor at Holmes Hole, and then dined on  
beef steak and boiled potatoes, boiled beef & pork  
head butter &c. and enjoyed it very much, the  
weather being very pleasant, at about 7 P.M.  
took another hearty meal, and then commenced  
writing a letter to my dear parents, and ending  
with the commencement of this journal.

Wednesday A.M. at 7 o'clock, we weighed anchor  
at Holmes Hole, thinking to proceed on our  
voyage but the wind blowing strong from the  
South it was thought best to come into the  
Cove where we anchored at 11 o'clock A.M. nothing  
of any amount occurred during our passage,  
there were a great many vessels that were bound  
out of the Sound, which were near that made  
it very pleasant.

Thursday the 3<sup>d</sup>. At 8 o'clock P.M. during  
the last 8 hours there has nothing occurred  
worth recording, the wind has blown quite  
strong and has hauled to the Westward, we are  
all well at this time with the exception of Alexander  
being rather dizzy at times.

Thursday at 9 o'clock A.M. got under weigh at the  
Cove and with a strong N.W. wind came out and  
passed Gay Head about 12 o'clock, and what passed



2 from that time up to this, Saturday Atk<sup>th</sup>, I do not know, except in my stateroom, for Alexander and myself were both sick, though not very, although if I am a judge it was very rough weather, I could hear the water go from one side of the deck to the other apparently. I asked no questions, but Tom said it was rather a bad reception, but should get over it the sooner, about 9 o'clock Atk<sup>th</sup> came out of bed with a determination to go on deck if possible, the weather being more moderate, and found by so doing I felt much better, Alexander said he could not go on deck he was so dizzy but without ceremony he had to go, and felt much better, by so doing.

7 o'clock P.M.  
Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>. The weather continuing moderate I have not been sick any through the day and have not layed my head on the bed for the last ten hours. Alexander seems to suffer some from a dizzy head more than anything else, he is now asleep for the present, It was quite amusing to me this day to be on deck to see them getting their boats ready for whaling, and coiling their lines in the tubs, picking out oars and getting boat masts ready, &c while one of our boatsterer caught a few young Dolphin first as we were going down to tea, I say tea for I drank a cup the first one this many a day some of my good friends at home would laugh and say I thought you would come to it. It went very well for once in the way.

And as I had not set down to the table with them for the last 7 meals, before I must of course do something unusual, however besides my tea I made a very good meal on salt junk, bread & butter baked Apples, sweet & sour, with cheese and other fixings. It was pleasant throughout the day there was two sail in sight which was very pleasant to see.

Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> Lat 40-16. The first part was very pleasant and I was on deck Alexander likewise but the latter part the drink began to bease.



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and rather rough so that it and myself were sick a little and kept our bed as we were not much used to the motion of the ship.

Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Lat 39:45; Long 57:54. We still kept our beds until the latter part of which was about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8 o'clock A.M. when went on deck and it being very pleasant enjoyed ourselves very well. The cause of our keeping our bed so long was what I should think was a gale of wind if I was at home, more than seasickness but Wm says they do not call it a gale as long as they can carry as much sail as we did and have it fair too. but at any rate it made many things walk and talk likewise. but we got along with it all first rate.

Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup>. We are all well came down from the deck at tea time. where we had been some time, about 4 o'clock. Both the men at Mast head saw out there was a spar two points off the Lee bow. a short distance off the ship was headed for it. the second mates boat was lowered and manned. and went and made fast to it. they went round the ship and headed for them until a line was carried from the ship to the spars end made fast and then took along side and hoisted in. they call it a Briggs foremast and one of the spars. I believe it looks as though some of our brother sailors had fared hard. I could not help shedding a few tears to see it.

Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Lat. 38:44 N. Long 43:46 W.  
It has been some time since I have felt like writing much. so I will make a few remarks about the wind and weather. ~~since~~ I wrote last. The latter part of Thursday the wind which had been strong the night previous had increased to a gale from the N.E. and about 10 o'clock A.M. the ship was brought too under close reefed main top sail and foresail, where she lay until about 8 o'clock Friday A.M. when the wind hauled more favourable and they.



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The weather continues very pleasant, the wind very light from the South West, we are all well at this time Alexander has been as smart on deck as need be about 4 o'clock. The officers with their boat crews, lowered their boats and pulled round a little to exercise them a little, and I believe they did very well for new beginners. The wind freshens now while I am writing I like to have some but not too much, the continued to increase



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to a strong breeze, so we got along first rate I went  
on deck this morning a little while but it was rugged  
and the spray a flying so I came down and not  
feeling the best lay down. AG stayed on deck.

Thursday the 17th. Lat 38-55. The wind continues  
fair and a plenty of it and we go along finely.  
we get along nicely as to being seasick. am sick a  
little sometimes AG has been on deck most of the  
day. and I think will not be sick much more.  
for he has a very good appetite. as for myself I do not  
want more than half allowance.

Friday the 18th Lat 38-58. Long 39-29. We still  
continue on with a strong breeze and fair. one  
am not sick much and hoping not to be.  
continues so through the 24 hours with nothing new.

Saturday the 19th. Continues with strong winds from  
the S. at about 11 o'clock P.M. made the Island of Flores  
as the air was thick wore ship and stood off from the  
land. with no other appearance of bad weather. but  
about 2 past 1 o'clock the wind increased of a sudden  
and all hands were called. before they could get  
their sails taken in it was nearly a Hurricane as it  
proved to be afterwards. the wind soon hauled more  
against us which drove us on towards the land.  
The gale continued 4 hours. during which time we split  
our foretopbail. lost the foretopmast staysail, and one  
boat off the cranes, and we were in suspense not  
knowing whether we should go ashore or run clear of  
the Island. it was a solemn night to me, about  
2 past 8 A.M. the wind died all of a sudden and  
left a heavy sea, again which took away another  
boat as soon as it cleared up so they see the  
land was only about 3 miles off which if the  
wind had continued a short time longer we  
should have gone against. I felt grateful to the  
Author of all things that we had escaped shipwreck  
and death. we then stood round under the lee of  
Flores, between that and Carvo. to repair some of the



damages, I kept below during the time feeling in a very weak state. Alexander got along nicely with it to end this with Lat 39-29 Long 31-11.

Sunday the 20th, It continued very rough I was on deck to see them get their topsail up which they did towards night, while I was on deck we were between the Islands of Flores and Carvo. They looked to me like mountainous places as they were the latter part we steered towards Fayal with nothing new to attract our attention. Lat 39-44 N Long 29-39 W

Monday the 21st Continued with light winds and ahead and was some seasick did not get on deck for I felt rather bad so I kept my bed, there was a Bark in sight steering for the latter part there had strong winds with some rain. Lat 38-24 N Long 30-42 W.

Tuesday the 22d. Continued with strong winds and ahead for us to get to Fayal but are still trying to get to that port, the latter part I was on deck but felt rather bad but the air was quite refreshing. nothing transpired of amount except they were busy repairing damages on deck Lat 38-44 W.

Wednesday the 23d, The winds are light and still ahead, I felt rather fatigued after being on deck some time so I took a nap as the saying but but did not feel very much better but after a good nights rest felt quite smart and finished a lot of letters I had begun to send home to my friends as the Islands of Fayal and Pico. were in sight. our Lat is 38-35 W.



Thursday the 24th. The weather is very pleasant  
and winds very light and ahead for us to get to  
Pagal. But by patience and perseverance we are in  
hopes too. I have been on deck for 4 hours and  
found it very comfortable and pleasant. They  
have been getting out the bow boat to fill the  
place of one we lost in the gale, and getting up  
a new foretopgallantmast. The latter part continued  
moderate with head winds. Lat 38-12. Long 28-20.

Friday the 25th. The wind still ahead but some  
distance from the landing off Pagal. But the Capt  
decided to go on shore, we left the ship at about 1/2 past  
one, and after hard pulling 4 hours against wind  
and current we landed on the wharf at Pagal.  
I felt rather fatigued sitting in one position so long,  
but got along nicely. I took the arm of an elderly gent  
by the name of Mr Coy and walked up to the head  
of the wharf where we met the Consul Mr Dabny.  
and then took his arm and walked to his house  
where he introduced A.G. and myself to his wife and  
daughter, and left us and I had a very pleasant  
conversation with them and gave a description of our  
passage. Then William called for us to go to our  
boarding house. We left with a polite invitation  
to come again the next day. We went to our  
boarding house had a first rate supper. on boiled  
Chicken Roast beef, eggs, bread and butter, baked apples  
preserves, tea & sugar. We then rested ourselves and  
retired for the night, after some thinking of all at beach  
and rested beautifully till morning. Arose quite  
early but my head did not feel right, it did not  
seem as if I was on shore. Wm and Alexander took  
a walk and at 8 o'clock A.M. we took breakfast  
on fried fish, eggs and Johnny cakes, and everything  
else necessary. Then Wm went to finish his business  
and the lady of the house Mrs Palma proposed  
that we should go up to Mrs Frederick Dabny's and  
I liked to see all I could so she sent up to borrow  
the Donkeys for us to ride on in a short time  
they appeared with the servant. a smart looking lad



8 Mrs Silva and myself then ~~got into~~ the Donkeys and rode in fine style up there where we was recieved very politely by Mrs Dabney, a very lovely and interesting lady, she ~~was~~ the mother of five fine looking boys the eldest of which, a boy ten years of age, was practicing on the Piano. She took us to their garden, which was the most beautiful I ever saw and very large all kinds of plants and flowers, and some fruit such as oranges, lemons, &c. she gave me flowers that made a beautiful bouquet to take on board of the ship. Then returning to the house we was treated to cake and wine which was very nice, and after resting a while returned to the boarding house.

Saturday the 26th, At 2 o'clock P.M. had a hearty dinner on many nice things soup, chickens, apple pie, tart bread butter and a little wine to top off with as the saying is. Then Tom went down to finish his business, and Alexander went up to Mrs Dabney's to see the boys and Donkeys and many things that amused him, and about 4 o'clock we left to go on board of the ship, (while there Tom shipped 6 natives to go on the voyage with him.) we arrived safe on board about sunset. I enjoyed my visit on shore very much and felt better for it. continued on board until Sunday and was then seasick again, we got many nice things on shore such as fowl & pumpkins, oranges eggs, & cherries & apples.

Saturday November the 2d. For the past week I have felt very unwell with being seasick which made me very weak so that I did not feel like writing and there has nothing remarkable passed in that time we have had a fair wind and a plenty of it I think, there has been fine backs raised once and two or three sail in sight, yesterday at 5 was quite unwell but is better today,  
Lat. 18° 55' N. Long 24° 02' W



Sunday Nov. 3<sup>d</sup>

The wind continues fair and weather pleasant and I feel much better to-day I have not been sick any to speak of and Alexander is quite smart likewise the latter part the Idol of St. Nicholas in sight and got quite near the land with pleasant weather and moderate, Lat 16-28 Long 24-40. Sun

Monday The 4<sup>th</sup>, Continues moderate we are laying off and on at St. Nicholas, Wm has been on shore to see if he could get some hogs and can have them in the morning Alexander went too. but I did not wish to go there does not seem to be anything attracting from what we can see from the ship a few buildings near the water and it does not look as if much would grow there. At 8 o'clock A.M. Wm went on shore again with two boats and crews to trade for some hogs &c. and I commenced washing felling very smart, but it was very warm indeed.

Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup>, P.M. I finished my washing and got along nicely. William got on board about 1/2 past 3 o'clock with ten hogs and some oranges and a few Bananas. but not feeling very well satisfied with his trading as he could not get as many as he wanted, it is said to be quite sickly on shore with fever, we then steered our course towards Pogo, which was in sight at 6 o'clock A.M. about 1/2 past ten. we were off the Id of Bravo. and Wm & Alexander went on shore with a boats crew to see if he could get any more.

Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup>, The weather is very mild and very warm, we lay off and on at Bravo. until about 5 o'clock P.M. Wm arrived on board with 4 hogs, not much better days work than yesterday and very tired. made more sail and steered the ship on her course again, it was very rainy through the night and squally the rest of the 24 hours.



Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup>. The weather continues moderate, we go along slowly, about 4 o'clock P.M. all 4 boats were lowered and manned and they pulled round some to exercise them and came on board about 5 o'clock, the morning has been very pleasant and there has been 4 sail in sight. one came quite near she passed across the stern a mile or two off. nothing new to mention. Lat. 13-11 N. Long 25-30 W.

Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Continues pleasant and the winds rather light about 4 o'clock P.M. The boats all lowered again to exercise and got on board about 5 o'clock. The wind heaved up some and was fair and continued so. All the morning there was a sail in sight bound the same way that we were. an English Bark, we passed her about noon but some distance off. Lat. 11-17 N. Long 25-08 W.

Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>. we got along nicely with a good breeze. passed an English Brig about 2 o'clock P.M. and another Bark passed some distance off to the westward. the ~~last~~<sup>latter</sup> part of the day the wind was light. did not get along so fast as the first of the day. we were all well. Lat. 9-40, Long 24-50 W.

Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>. The wind is very light and it is very pleasant, and very warm, and uncomfortable, weather for me as cooler weather agrees with me best. at about 2 past 8 o'clock P.M. the boats all lowered for Blackfish was gone about one hour and returned without any. All there was a sail in sight, as she drew near she set her color, was a Hallander and passed along. soon after there was another sail which proved to be a man of war English, she passed on her way she looked quite large. The Lat. 8-04 N. Long 24-22 W.

Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>. The weather continues very pleasant, and the winds now are very light about 11 P.M. as boat came along side from another ship that came along. The mate I suppose it



was came on board, to get 100 lb of bread. They  
were from <sup>8 3/4</sup> Bombay, with a cargo of cotton, bound to  
Liverpool, they went their way and the latter part  
of the 24 hours we have had it almost a calm I might  
say quite. I have been washing and ~~at~~ put my cloths  
up on the line and washed some too, we are all  
very well.

Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>. It still continues calm and that  
is not exactly what we would wish, but we cannot  
have our wishes, and it is not best we should, we  
have had a hard rain storm for about an hour,  
it looked beautiful out of the cabin windows,  
it is so very warm that I hope it will cool the air  
some. Lat = 6-14 N Long 24-50 W.

Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>. I was seasick some, and  
had a very bad headache and kept below. The  
weather being rather squally, Alexander and Tom  
are well, and there is nothing new to write this  
day, not even the Lat & Long, the weather is so thick.

Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup>. I do not feel very well today  
my head continues to ache and do not feel like  
doing anything of work kind, have laid down the  
first of the day. The latter part I felt better but  
not got over the headache, there has been 3 sails  
of vessels in sight from mast head nothing else  
new that I know of, I have ironed a little and washed  
a little, and knit some on my jacket. the Lat. 8-04.  
Long. 25-01.

Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>. The weather is pleasant with light  
winds, but fair, I continue to have the headache  
same but ~~the~~ otherwise are well, and the rest of  
the family we do not see any whales yet, but  
all hands seem to be employed in fixing  
things to their mind, this day Lat. 9-03. N Long  
25-02



Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>, Pleasant weather seems to favour us and fair winds. but rather light, and we are all well as usual. There is a schooner quite near us heading the same way that we are, <sup>mom</sup> says there seems to be a great number of men on board. perhaps she is a Californian. Lat. 1-37, N. Long 26-09. W.

Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> We are all well as usual and the weather is pleasant, with a fair wind. the schooner is not to be seen today I suppose we have beat her if we have got a dull sailer. There is nothing new to say at this time. Lat. 18 miles N. Long. 27-27. W.

Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>, I arose at 6 past 6 o'clock with a bad headache and it being rather squally, it made me feel sick a little, and Alexander complained a little but has got his lessons very good. Mom is troubled with a stiff neck and Lame has taken cold in it. I suppose, as the weather is cool has been so very warm during the past two weeks that we have been glad to get air and I suppose that is the way he got his lame neck. I have slept some today and still keep my headache, which I have had to contend with for about a week. Hoping to get over it soon. Since yesterday we have crossed the line and Neptune did not visit us. There was considerable talk about his coming but Alexander said he did not believe he would come, and he was just right. Today our Lat. was, 1-37. South Long 28-06 W.

Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, I feel tolerably well today but for the past two days I have felt quite unwell; about six o'clock this morning the man at mast-head saw something that spouted 3 times and they looked with earnest eyes to see a sperm whale but saw no more of it. The excitement was



soon over, at noon The Lat.  $7=11$  South. Long  $30=37$ . W  
 This afternoon I have commenced some letters to  
 send home if we should be fortunate enough to  
 have a chance to send them. we go along quite nicely  
 with a fair wind. There is a Bark in sight. Wm  
 thinks is bound to some port near by.

Friday the 22<sup>d</sup>. When I arose this morning I felt  
 quite smart; but soon began to feel bad as there  
 was considerable swell on, and before noon had  
 to lay down and did not get up again until  
 two o'clock. Slept a little but not good. I feel rather  
 better tonight but not well. I call it seasickness,  
 and hope to get over it soon if it is best. A  
 complains a little sometimes of his head, but  
 seems well otherwise. There has been one ship in  
 sight today but I did not see it. I have been  
 on deck once today they were mending the mizen  
 topsail, and have now got it up again, nothing  
 more today The Lat  $9=22$  South. Long  $31=49$ . W

Saturday the 23<sup>d</sup>. I felt very well this morning  
 when I got up. I went on deck and stayed till  
 breakfast was ready. There was a Bark to the <sup>westward</sup> ~~west~~  
 of us about 4 miles off. bound home. apparently  
 that is to the North. I cleared up my stateroom some  
 for Sunday and this afternoon. I have been afflicted  
 with the Headache. Just before noon Wm had an  
 oak stick to fall from the carpenters hand and  
 strike his head and made quite a cut, full two  
 inches long. but we think not very deep. but he will  
 not wear anything on it. bathed it in Poppy Rum  
 he says what is the use to make a great fuss  
 about it. it looks as though he felt it when  
 it hit him. There has been another ship in  
 sight to the windward bound North. some  
 distance off. some poor fellows on their way  
 home that is a delightful word, if we have been  
 home. I feel at home here but cannot forget  
 my old home, and do not wish too, all seems  
 to be right here with a fair wind. Lat  $11=25$  S. Long  $32=$   
 W 22.



Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>. The day has been a delightful one and we all have been in the enjoyment of health, for which I feel thankful to the Giver of all things. Little has passed of note with us here except reading for our instruction and amusement, we are favoured with a fair wind but rather light at the present. I have just eaten a hearty supper for a rarity, as I have not eat many very hearty ones of late. I think that I shall not suffer much more from that troublesome disease, Scurvy, which I have had my share of. Our Lat-<sup>at 12 o'clock</sup> 13-30 S. Long=32-40 W.

Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>. I arose very early for me about 5 o'clock, and got ready for washing, and I succeeded with AG's help in washing all I had too. It has been a very pleasant day the wind light and very warm after dinner one of our hogs was slaughtered to give us a fresh mess we had some of him for supper. Towards night there was a sail seen some distance off otherwise there has nothing occurred through the day worthy of note. Lat 15-00 S Long 33-12 W.

Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup>. The weather continues very warm and pleasant. we go along rather slow as the wind is light, but we must not expect fair winds and strong breezes always when we want them, as we have a part. (that is fair wind) we must be contented. I have been busy doing odd jobs as the saying is such as mending and other like things, while on deck they seek to find employment for I can hear the sound of the hammer and other implements. the evening is a pleasant one, and our Lat is 16-30 S. Long 33-26 W.

Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup>. The weather is rather thick, and there is considerable sea on, but our ship goes along nicely as the wind is fair, we are all well as usual. the latter part of the day I was employed in reading for amusement, and instruction.



Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup>. The weather is thick and  
wind ahead, and a heavy sea on, and has  
been rough to make me seasick, so that I  
have vomited twice, and felt very bad all day,  
and Alexander complained some, I was in hopes  
not to be seasick any more but do not dare  
prophecy that I shall not now. This afternoon  
they have been sitting up a barge on deck to  
Blacksmith house and what else. I do not know.

Friday the 29<sup>th</sup>. The wind is now fair again  
and weather more moderate and pleasant  
I do not feel very smart. The effects of being  
sick yesterday, but I have done a little work  
such as washing a few pieces to make them  
clean, but it is not the easiest work to get  
A.C.'s cloths clean for he wants to be in to  
the most of the buisiness if he does not do  
much. It has been a busy day on deck by the  
sound, and I am going up to see a little while  
have been up but they had nearly done their days  
work, some were fixing the rigging and others  
making lance sheaths, the evening was spent in  
the Cabin with Capt. and officers working Lunars  
The Lat  $21^{\circ} 29'$  Long  $35^{\circ} 24'$  W.

Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>. I have felt quite well to-day  
and it has been a very pleasant day and I have  
been doing a number of little jobs and cleaning  
up a little for Sunday, as we do not work much  
on that day unless it is necessary, A.C. has been  
well but has had rather a fatiguing day because  
he could not understand his lessons the mate  
Mr Luce has been quite unwell today so that  
he took some medicine. he is some better to-  
night, Lat today  $22^{\circ} 42'$  Long  $36^{\circ} 14'$  W.



December the 1<sup>st</sup> 1850.  
 Sunday, The weather has been delightful today  
 after breakfast I took some books and went  
 on deck and read sometime and then took  
 his spyglass and went to mast-head ~~hoping~~  
 to see some whale about 1 past-ten A.M. we  
 came down below and had hardly got down  
 before the men at mast-head sung out there  
 she blows, then I was on deck quick and I soon  
 followed for I wanted to see whale if there was  
 any, and we soon saw them again and then  
 they disappeared not to show themselves to us again  
 they called them a couple of ~~them~~ <sup>then</sup> backs, we have  
 not had a sight of a sperm whale or heard of any  
 thing called a whale, but they are hoping too soon.  
 Mr Luce is better today, and the rest of  
 the ships company seem to be well with our  
 little family likewise. It is two months today  
 since we came on board of this ship at  
 Edgartown, it seems longer but the time  
 passes very pleasantly with me at the present  
 and I think will if we all have our healths.  
 so ends this day (at 12 o'clock our Lat was 24. 00 Long  
 34-34. W)

Monday the 2<sup>d</sup> The weather is not very pleasant  
 rather thick and I concluded not to do any washing  
 but wait for another day, this afternoon the  
 Steward has killed two of our hogs or pigs,  
 and we had some of them for supper.  
 We have had whartheys pies a number of  
 times but I forgot to mention it tasted quite  
 like home, but not quite as good as if they  
 were just picked, but then we cannot have  
 here, but I am well satisfied with what I  
 can have.

Tuesday the 3<sup>d</sup> The weather is good today  
 but I am not very well have the headache  
 and a bad stomach, and Alexander has got  
 a bad eye he got something in it yesterday



noon and I have put an eyestone in it. But  
it does not seem to get better, all the rest on  
board of the ship seem to be in pretty good health.  
Lat 26-08. Long 40-15. W.

Wednesday the 4th. The weather has been thick  
with some rain and signs of more, I have felt  
much better today and thought I would  
wash so as to have them ready after a long  
when it did come pleasant, and this afternoon  
William and me have been covering a couple  
of straw hats for Harpaulins for him and AG  
and that is about the amount of my day's work.  
The carpenter is busy putting up a couple of  
benches just forward of us so as to convene  
some of them a little more, AG's eye is a little  
better but troubles him considerably, and  
looks bad. There has been a sail in sight  
today but how far off or which way steering  
I do not know. The Capt. says we go our course  
but the winds today have been very light.

Thursday the 5th. This morning the weather was  
thick and wind light. But this afternoon the  
wind is stronger and ahead. But the sun is  
out bright. I have not been very well today. my  
stomach has felt very bad. Alexander's eye is  
better. There is nothing of consequence transpired  
with us today. Lat 28-16. Long 40-00. W.

Thursday the 6th. We have had a very pleasant  
day but the wind has been ahead for us to go  
the course we wished. I have been very well  
today and the rest of my little family. I have  
knit a little and sewed a little and played some  
to wind up with. Lat 29-48. Long 42-26.

Saturday the 7th. This day has been pleasant  
with light winds, and we do not make much  
headway we have all been well and employed  
our time in clearing up and making ready for



Sunday. after 4 o'clock The boats all lowered to exercise. how they got along I do not know. It looks now as though we should have a storm before long nothing of note has transpired today. Lat. 30.16 Long 42.50 W.

Sunday the 8th. The weather has been pleasant with strong winds, We are all enjoying good health as usual we have been employed in reading for the most part today nothing new to write. Lat. 31.30 S. Long 45.00 W.

Monday the 9th. The weather is good but with very strong winds that made it very rugged. I have washed this forenoon and felt rather bad in the meantime. ~~and~~ was seasick enough to vomit once only, but the rest of the work I have done through the day has been scarce. I feel better to night. If I was sick as I was he has not been sick for some time before. Lat 32.12 Long 47.00 W.

Tuesday the 10th This has been a very pleasant day with light winds, but considerable swell on. but I have felt very well all day and have not lain my head down on a pillow today for a rarity, and have done considerable work. for instance made a couple of flags out of calico, for wrapping use (if we are fortunate enough to get any) and a number of other little jobs of work that does not amount to much but it is all work, so ends. Lat 32.57 S. Long 46.35 W.

Wednesday the 11th. We have had a very still pleasant day. too much so for we do not get along so fast as we should like too, but perhaps it is all for the best. We are very well except Wm has had the rheumatism some but I think it is rather better tonight. William says there must be some Louah on board for we do not see any whales he says it is not his luck and I do not take it for my luck. I do not think there is any Louah about me, so ends. Lat 32.50 S. Long 47.30 W.



Thursday the 12th. We have had a mild day the winds very light. about 4 o'clock P.M. we had a little squall of rain but it soon passed over and was pleasant again. I have been well as common - except a headache, and that seems to be quite common with me, Alexander has been to mast head several times to-day for the beginning. he has never dared go up there before and now I suppose that will be his hobby for a time, soon after dinner there was Porpoises around the ship and. We got an Iron into one and got him, we had some of him cooked for supper, it was first rate, his blubber made two galls of oil, soon after they got him dressed there was more around the ship and I was on deck they did not get any they looked pretty enough, there was acres of them spouting and leaping like sheep over a fence, that is the first fish we have caught except two shipjacks that was dry enough, the boatsteers have been off to exercise a little to night. the Lat 34-01 S Long 48-25 W

Friday the 13th. We have had a fair day with quite a strong wind and the latter part cool. about 5 o'clock a whale was raised off the weather bow and soon after went down. When she came up she was off the beam the first 2d and 3d mates lowered. after they went there was 3 others seen from mast head but they were going very quick and the opposite way. the boats got back at dark and did not see them. after they went if it had not been so late we think they might have got one. they seemed to feel bad and no doubt dreamed of them so ends. with Lat. 35-00 S Long 50-11 W

Saturday the 14th. It has been nearly calm all day and very pleasant. the mates boat has lowered twice and got a sunfish and turtle both very curious looking fish but not good for much. when we was eating supper. they sung out there she blows a number of times, but they proved to be porpoises. so ends with Lat. 35-05 S Long 50-13 W



Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>. At six o'clock this morning  
 sperm whales was raised from mast-head, and  
 they soon got something to eat and about 6 past six,  
 all of the boats lowered and sailed for where  
 they was. the cooper was at mast-head to look out  
 after sometime and he did not see them but  
 once Wm came back to the ship and soon  
 devised them again (two or three of them I believe)  
 and set the signal so the boats might know  
 and very soon after the second water boat  
 got fast to one, and then Wm came down  
 and went off fast as possible where they  
 was and they soon got her to spouting blood  
 but Mr Luce had his boat capsized and all  
 of them had to swim and they were fortunate  
 that they met with no more trouble for Mr  
 Luce said he had the line twice round him  
 and carried him some distance under water  
 about 6 past 10 o'clock three boats got on  
 board of the ship and the whale was dead  
 and in an hour she was along side of the  
 ship, then they got dinner and have been cutting  
 all the afternoon, I have been on deck and  
 in the Starboard boat a seeing them till my  
 face is almost blistered and Alexander too,  
 he has been darting an iron that he fixed  
 into the sharks as they come side of the  
 whale, it is quite a large whale Wm thinks  
 it will make 70,000 lbs. at any rate it is large and  
 fat I think and perhaps we shall know if we  
 live, it is Sunday but it has been a very  
 stirring day. They have commenced cutting him  
 but it is very rugged and cannot get along very  
 fast. the day ends with all hands tired. Lat 35:42 S  
 Long 51:08 W.

Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>. This morning was quite pleasant  
 but quite a sea on which made it bad about cutting  
 the whale but they have all worked hard and got  
 him in I have done my washing, and that is the most  
 I have done Alexander has had a holiday this.



afternoon to see them get in the whale, he has business enough about this time, the wind has increased and it is now a gale we are lying too and have been since we got the whale so ends this day. no Lat, sec

Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>, The weather looked rather thick this morning like rain but it held off till they commenced boiling and then it began to rain so they had to put out the fires till after 12 o'clock. Then it cleared up a little and they went to work again. During the day I have felt very bad and been seasick some have done no work today. after I eat a little supper I went off far as the gangway to see them cutting up the head it was curious enough. and greasy enough too. We cannot report our ships clean now and I do not believe she will be very soon for the oil has run between decks as far as the dining room, I hope it will not get in here. The weather was so thick that we got no Lat<sup>sec</sup> today so ends the day.

Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>. The wind and sea has abated and it has been a very pleasant day. and I have felt very smart have knit and sewed considerably. The <sup>officers</sup> and crew have been busy enough on deck boiling. I have not payed them a visit except to the gangway today but think I shall before dark but there is not much room for it I fear I should get in the way.

January the 9<sup>th</sup> 1851. It has been some time since I have written and I will give a short account of the time passed, as there has been nothing very eventful it will not be much trouble. When I last wrote they were boiling and there has been no weather to stow the oil it was set down between decks until we get round the Cape. but they judge it will stow 80 bls. we have not been whaled since and the weather has been so rough if we had seen them. I doubt whether we should have got any. we have seen a number of vessels. mostly bound South. We went on board



of one which proved to be the Florida of and  
 from Boston for California. Capt. Nickerson  
 one of my country folk, he belonged to Garment  
 I have been seasick some and have not  
 been very well otherwise. <sup>It is</sup> the reason I have not  
 written but I feel quite smart to-day. ~~Thursday~~  
 The 2<sup>th</sup> we were in sight of the Falkland Is. and  
 I went on deck and had a glimpse of them  
 at a distance but it was thick at the time  
 and I could not see them plain, we had  
 the wind so much ahead that we could not  
 come inside of the Is. as they wished but  
 came outside, William and Alexander have  
 been well for the most of the time, and all  
 the rest of our ships company with the  
 exception of sore hands, and there is not  
 less than half a dozen on board, of them.  
 I ought to have said our cook is not very  
 well but does his duty as yet. Tuesday the  
 there was a bark in sight and we had squally  
 weather and she carried away her jibboom  
 and we have not seen her since that night.  
 But yesterday there was a ship and bark in  
 sight and quite near steering the same way  
 that we were, and they were in sight this  
 morning, but they wished hauled a head  
 after dinner, and they wore ship before us.  
 and are now out of sight although it is  
 thick now and the wind more in our favour  
 and a strong breeze, I believe that is the  
 most of note that has transpired since I  
 wrote. Our Lat. to-day is 57-24. V. Long 63. 5-8 W.

Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>, The first part of the day it was  
 very rough but now it is quite moderate and  
 looks like a storm, yesterday it was a gale of wind  
 and very ragged and I was sick so I did not  
 get up for the day, but today I feel rather better  
 and have set up most of the day we have had  
 a head wind for the last 24 hours and are do-  
 not get ahead very fast. Our Lat. is 56-12 Long 63-44



Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>. This morning at 4 o'clock the officer of the watch came down and said that land was in sight and a whale had just passed us a short distance off. Bound home and another ship in sight off the weather beam bound the same way with us. We got up soon after and found as he expected the land was the Is of Cape Horn and the small Is near it, and saw another sail ahead which proved to be a Bark, and about 7 o'clock they raised another sail ~~at the~~ lee quarter, during the forenoon we passed Hermite Is. and raised, Pulse Cape Horn, I could see the patches of snow on the one last named, about noon we set our H.M. Ensign to find out who our comrades were, and in answer they all set their Yankee flags, quite a Yankee set, At 3 o'clock P.M. we took ship and stood off from the land, being within 6 or 7 miles of it, we did not care to be any nearer at this time.

Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>. This morning it was a rain storm and very thick of course, and has been thick a great part of the day. There has been 5 sail in sight today one passed us about noon a large ship, a Californian I suppose. They read New York on her stern but could not tell her name, the other ships we left astern, we are all very well today, and our Lat 57-13 S Long 69-10.

Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. This day has been quite pleasant for the most part, but we have head winds to counter with and do not get along very fast the way we wish to go, there is a Bark in sight so we are not alone in this part of the world, we are all very well, and our Lat is 58-58 S Long 71-08 W.

Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup>. We still have head winds and get along very slowly, I have not been very well today it is rugged and I am sick a little sometimes, but not very often. There is the same Bark in sight today, and nothing new.



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Thursday the 16th. It is quite rough today but I  
am quite smart and have served considerable  
I have not been on deck for two or three days it  
has been cold and stormy most of the time, we  
have had nothing but head winds for a month  
or at least but few fair ones and them as short  
as you please. Ann and Ag is very well, and all  
the rest of our ships company. So ends to-day

Friday the 17th. This morning it was very rugged and  
I thought I would spend the forenoon in bed as that  
was the most comfortable place, and after dinner  
I got up and dressed and now it is near teatime  
and I am on the floor writing or scribbling a little.  
I should suppose the best the most proper name  
for it. but I have done no work, Our Lat 56-11, Long 72-3

Saturday the 18th. This morning it was quite pleasant  
but rather rough as usual at about six o'clock A.M.  
band was raised and towards noon we drew  
quite near so we were ship and stood off from  
it. there was considerable to be seen from the  
sea beam round to the weather bow. There were  
a great many high mountains one I should  
think as high as the I. of Pico. we got along  
very slowly but we shall get round after a while  
this afternoon there has been a large ship in  
sight we suppose the one we have seen before  
we are well as usual today our Lat: 54, 45 Long  
78, 31

Sunday the 20th, I am quite smart to-day but  
yesterday I was sick some and kept in bed it  
was a gale of wind and a very heavy sea, and our  
ship was lying to the most of the day. Saturday  
night about 8 o'clock after I had written we pitched  
away our spritsail yard, and so could have no use  
of our jib & fly jib to-day they have made another  
and got it out it continues to be very rough  
and a head wind. this afternoon we saw a ship  
some distance off found home I suppose we  
could not tell whether she was a whaler or  
nothing new to-day. Our Lat 56-22 S Long 74-23 W



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Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>. we have had a rugged night and continued so this morning, but has grown more moderate with quite pleasant weather. The wind a head which makes us head the wrong way somewhat to our dissatisfaction but get along with it hoping it is for the best. we are well as usual. In Lat. 56-17 S. Long 75-48 W.

Wednesday the 22<sup>d</sup>. we have had quite a moderate day untill within a short time the wind has backed up and we go along nicely, we had a ship in our company this forenoon and it has been thick some since noon and I do not know whether she is in sight now or not, there has been porpoises round the ship a number of times they got fast to one but he broke the line and went a little way off and died but he sunk so we did not have any luck with them, we are very well to-day and our Lat. 56-22 S. Long.

Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>. we continue to have head winds and get along very slowly we are quite smart to-day yesterday I was not very well, there is nothing new and our Lat. is 53-49 S. Long 75-54 W.

Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>. This morning it was a calm for the first time with us for a month, and the land of Cape Pillar (on Vera Del) in sight after noon there was more land in sight off the weather bow and we could see a plenty of snow on the mountain and high land, between that and Cape Pillar is the entrance of the Straits of Magellan, where many a vessel has passed through from one Ocean to the other. This afternoon we wore ship and are now heading S. W. by W. a head wind for us seems to prevail as yet and a strong one too we have got now quite a contrast from what it was this morning, we are all very well but some are getting discouraged on account of a long passage and head winds so ends this day.



26. 1851. Tuesday the 28th. This day has been a very pleasant one and the wind has been so we could go our course but very tight. The land has been in sight all day it is very high some of it with a plenty of snow on ~~the~~. Our ship's company seem to wear more smiling faces this pleasant weather and for my part I feel more smiling and much better every way. I have been trying to make a little candy to sweeten our mouths with, and it goes very well if not very good. So ends this day with our Lat at 12.00 clock which was 52-29 N.

Wednesday the 29th. We have had a very pleasant day with a fair wind so the old ship has walked water and no mistake. The land has been in sight all day and we are now going along shore. I have felt first rate today and the rest of my little family are well. There is nothing new to relate At noon our Lat. was 50, 24. to

Thursday the 30th. Another beautiful day has passed and it has been very moderate too so they could look out for whales, but have seen none. but have seen porpoises & grampus. we go along rather slowly now as the wind is very light. The land has been in sight all day and is now. I saw a mountain I suppose it was back from the rest all covered with snow the sun shone on it and it looked beautiful. Some of our ship's company has been mending sails today. The Stevedore has been taking life so that we had some fresh meat for supper. I have been sewing some. We are all well, as common. Hoping to continue so. Our Lat today 47-47 W.

Friday the 31st. We have had a very moderate and pleasant day with the land in sight which looks very pleasant, but what seems to be most wished for this pleasant weather. our eyes and ears are not greeted with that is the sound of their blows and the sight of whales, we are all very well today, and our Lat. 46-06 W.



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Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup>. This morning about 2 past 5 o'clock a ~~small~~ whale was raised from mast head. and there was two ships in sight and soon after we see that there was boats off from one of them. Our boats lowered soon after, and towards noon the whale was taken by the 2<sup>d</sup> officer of the ship Charles Frederick of N.B. and our boats came on board and Capt Haskins of the C. G. came with them to see if there was any letters and found one for his mate Mr Spencer, and he said there was another whale farther in shore. Our folks went aloft, and soon after raised a school of whales, and the ship Mercury (of N.B.) boats was fast to one, our boats were lowered quick as possible and the next time they came up Mr Luce got fast to one and the rest cleared out. another boat from the M got fast to another, and they were some distance off from us, but we think they got on board of her in the course of the day. They got our whale to the ship about 5 P.M. we then had two boats off. as there was more whales seen, but they went we could not tell where, they commenced to cut in the whale but it grew very rugged and have given it up till morning we have been in sight of land all day a number of little islands. one the I of Leamars. The C. G. had 120 bbls of oil previous to getting her whale today. 5 months out. and he said the Mercury had 850. ~~barrels~~ to this days work. we are well as common at this time. so ends the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb.

Sunday the 2<sup>d</sup>. The weather this morning looked rather rough for cutting in whale but they had it to do so about 4 o'clock. All they were all hands out. but they had a bad job of it it was so rough but they have got it all in and most cut up and will soon be ready to begin to boil. they think he will make 40. bbls and I hope he will. we are now going on our way and just now raised the I of Guaffo. of our lead low. I have felt quite unwell for most of the day had a very bad headache, and sea sick a little as the ridge water has got stirred up. and I think that will always make me sick. the rest are well I believe and busy if it is Sunday. Our Lat 44-06. Long 75-11  
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Monday the 3<sup>d</sup>. This morning was a beautiful one, the weather very moderate at about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past ten sperm whales was raised. They were loiling the one they got Saturday. But they soon left that to go for the whales. There was a large school of them but they seemed frightened at something, the boats would get quite near them and they were off. It was unfavourable for us that there was not much wind, twice the boats lowered but did not get near enough to strike. One they all felt bad and thought if there had been a little more wind they would have got one but it can't be helped now. So ends this day. Lat 42:28 S.

Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup>. This morning it was very pleasant and moderate. They have been boiling all day and whales have been in sight to-day. The boats have lowered twice for them but they were so far to the windward that they did not get any much to their disappointment. For they tried hard enough but had a very strong breeze and have got one now. There is no news but we are well as usual. Lat 42:08 S.

Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup>. We have had a delightful day we have a fair wind ~~but~~ set along nicely now. There has been blackfish and blainphacks in sight to-day and the boats have lowered but did not get any. They have finished boiling the whale and he will make 50 lbs. My business to-day has been to wash and write a little. Nothing new. Lat 40:24 S.

Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup>. The day has been very pleasant and nothing of amount has occurred. They have been mending and fixing sails on deck all day and I have been sewing some below. Now the Island of Mocha is within a dozen miles from us and we are lying off and on. till morning so they can go on shore and see if they can get some potatoes. There has been three ships in sight this afternoon near the Island one was in sight when I came down at sunset. we are all very well, and on Lat 38:57 S.



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Friday the 7th. This morning early found us off the sea side of Mooka but some distance from the landing about 4 past 7. At 10. Wm went on shore with a Loats crew to see if he could get some potatoes. and there was a Bark came down and a boat landed from her about the same time, but the season has been poor land a drought and they did not raise but few they told Wm he might have all they did not want to plant which was 13 lbs so he divided with the other Captain. They got 1/2 of a Rufflock each for a fresh mess, and killed a mess of pigeons. about 4 PM Wm came on board after another boat and wanted I should go ashore a little while and I did so and see the old woman that had seen Mary a year ago. she was a very clever old woman. she gave me some green corn and a couple of chickens, and she sent me off a dozen and a half of eggs and some milk. There was a plenty of cattle. I had a very pleasant cruise for a little while, and got a bouquet of flowers. we got off to the ship at sundown, and are now going on our way. The other ship or Bark was the Prudent of Stonington. 4 months out no oil I saw Capt Mark on shore, yesterday there was 4 ships there after potatoes but got none. then manures of them we did not learn. so ends this day with all well.

Saturday the 8th. This morning we were going along finely with a good breeze. Wm he went to painting his boat and I went to making a little cake with the eggs that I had given me. and about nine o'clock or little after there were two sail raised from aloft and soon after there was two more all but one seemed to be merchantmen one was a whaler and came near and we run down to her and spoke her I went on deck and saw a woman and child the first thing I soon found it to be Capt Burges in the Robert Edwards. Wm asked him to come on board and he said he would a few minutes. it was about half past ten AM when Capt B and Ann and the little boy got on board. Franklin and John Russell & Thomas Perry was with them. Ann left the baby because it was ragged. we talked very far.



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I could tell her about her little girl and the rest of her folks. she had not had a letter from home since she left home. but Franklin & John had one each, some time ago, they said if they had letters they would send no more news than I could tell them. we had a good game and they stopped and dined with us on some roast beef and stewed pigeons that we got to Mocha yesterday. soon after dinner they left us. they are 20 months out with 600. lbs of m, bound into Valparaiso soon. they were in company with the Nauticon. and two other ships last Sunday night, and Anna said she had a good time with Susan Becker, there was a ship in sight off our Starboard bow at dark they think it is a whaler, we are all very well on board three boats went after blackfish before sunset. and have not got back yet one or two got fast so we think we shall get over. Our Lat 36. 54. S.

Sunday the 9th, we have had a very pleasant day and there has been nothing to disturb our quietness not even the spout of a whale. there has been two sail in sight today. one of them now. we are all very well. and our Lat 37. 20 S. Long 77. 18. W.

Monday the 10th This morning we had a strong breeze and good weather and raised the J of San quite early, and at 12 o'clock A.M. we were close to the Id. and went on shore for a little cruise and to get some fish. Mr Luce went a fishing with one boat and we went ashore a while but did not get anything but about a pint of cherries and then I had given me, there was a plenty of peaches but they were about half grown. I had a cup of milk that tasted like home it was boiled, a young French woman gave it to me, she was a beauty. we left there and went a fishing and got a few and came on board. there was 3 ships and a Bark with ourselves, soon after we got on board Capt Wimpenny came on board from the Ship Oregon of Fairhaven, and got some letters, he was 19 months out with 430 lbs. soon after he left Capt Long of the Charles Carroll



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and Capt Nash of the Prudent came on board the O.C. was 26 months out with 500 bls. he saw the Statira about a week ago and so did Capt- Wm. they had 11,00 and all well. We are now steering for Massafuers in hopes to see them, nothing more new today so ends

Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup>. This morning at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5 o'clock they sung out Sail, Oh. Wm got up and soon after I did. and before I was dressed he came down and said it was a Bark and should be disappointed if it was not the Statira. I soon went on deck and she was very near us. We hauled back our mainyard for them to come down so to speak then and in a very few minutes they passed the stern and James sung out to Wm first he knew him and the ship because he heard a few days before that we was coming out. Mary was at the side and some one held up the little girl. for she is not a baby now. Wm asked them to come on board and at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7 o'clock they were here, and all smart as bees. Mary never looked better in her life and the little girl looked first rate, and is a very cunning child, but James looked rather thin. They had 11,00 bls oil on board.

They <sup>have</sup> spent the day and <sup>will the</sup> night with us, and a very pleasant one it is to both parties. We are off the Id of Massafuers. and all well.

Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup>. This morning ~~was~~ very pleasant, and about 8 o'clock we all went on board of the Statira. and Mr Bourdett came back with Mr Luce to spend the day as he was on board yesterday, Mr Patheart went on board with us. and I believe we all spent a very pleasant day and at sunset we parted hoping to meet again but that ~~was~~ the hardest part of it although it has been a great satisfaction to me for I feared that we should not meet here ~~before~~ we heard they were round these Ids. for we heard they were a different way. after we came on board we soon made sail and steered our course very different ways, I little thought if we did see one another that we should be able to spend so long a time together but we had pleasant weather and all things seemed to be O.K. as far as I knew, so ends to day.



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Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>. This morning was very pleasant and the wind rather light, I was not looking out for the *Stairia* ~~and~~ <sup>as</sup> that contemplation had concluded in a reality. We have seen them and the pleasant visit on both sides ~~was~~ over for the present, still hoping for the future. So I concluded to do my washing that had been laid by, and succeeded in washing and drying to my satisfaction. The watch ~~have~~ been on the lookout hoping to see some whales but ~~didn't~~ have that pleasure today we are all very well and our Lat. 32.18.0. Long 82.00.0.

Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>. The day has been very pleasant and and warmer with us than we have had it for many weeks, But the Idea that it is February and so warm, seems strange, but knowing the cause, is not very impressive. Today they have been mending sails on deck and this afternoon I was up there sometime with my knitting work we do not go along very fast for the wind is very light, and am likely to be as this is the place for them so they say. Lat. 32.00.0.

Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>. We still continue to have good weather but very light winds, have not seen any whales but there was some kind of a jinniper seen this afternoon. we are all very well at this time so ends Lat 31.18.0.

Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Another beautiful day has passed to cheer us on our voyage. Our time has been employed mostly in reading part of the time on deck and partly below now it is evening and the wind breezes a little and we go along nicely and with good health we enjoy ourselves first rate. Our Lat. 30.44.0. Long 82.18.0.

Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>. We have had it very pleasant today but there has been considerable swell of the ship has rolled some, they have commenced stowing down the oil and have worked hard



all day, but are all well tonight I believe. nothing new here. Our Lat. 29-00-S,

Tuesday the 18th. This morning it was thick and looked some like rain. but we have had none except a few sprinkles. but it has been a cloudy day. They have finished stowing down their oil and cleaned up, they made it stow near as they can tell 129, bls. we are all very well as far as I know. so ends this day the 18th.

Wednesday the 19th. This morning it was rather thick weather but still we have no storm. very comfortable indeed. we are all well with slight exceptions. no business of consequence has transpired with us to-day. Our Lat. 25-21-S. Long. 82-16-W.

Thursday the 20th. The weather has been rather cloudy to-day but good for all that, and I have improved it in washing. there are a plenty of fish around the ship but they do not like us well enough to bite at the hook, but we should like it better if they were the big fish and could get some of them to add to our fare that we have. nothing new we are all well as usual except Mr Luge and he is quite unwell today. Lat. 23-31-S.

Friday the 21st. We have had a very pleasant day. and I have been cleaning my stateroom. And it looks much better to me knowing that it is cleaned. there has been a sail in sight to-day, apparently from some port on the coast. bound home. that dear place. Our Lat. 21-37-S. Long. 86-32-W.

Saturday the 22d. This day has been very pleasant but there has been nothing very attractive away from the ship. and nothing more than common here as the usual duties seem to be the order of the day. with all well ends this day.



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 Sunday the 23<sup>d</sup>. We have had a beautiful day and not even the spout of a whale has disturbed our quietness, (which no doubt there has been wishes that they would if it is Sunday) however the day is nearly past and the prospect is not very good for one now, our time has been partially employed in reading without ~~there is~~ other occupation and with nothing new to relate. Our Lat  $8.0^{\circ}$  & Long  $89.22^{\circ}$  W.

Monday the 24<sup>d</sup>. We have had a very pleasant day and nothing unusual has intruded upon our territories, we are all very well and our Lat.  $10.34^{\circ}$  S. Long.

Tuesday the 25<sup>d</sup>. We have had quite a strong breeze today with good weather. On deck they have been employed in tarring rigging, catching skipjacks &c, while I have been busying myself with sewing down here in my stateroom, tonight after sunset the sky wore an unusual appearance it was very red all over for an hour and then gradually disappeared, we are all well Lat.  $14.48^{\circ}$  S Long  $91.30^{\circ}$  W.

Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup>. This day has passed without anything of importance occurring. It has been very pleasant and the business for the most part has been tarring rigging, with the daily ship's duties, the day ends with all in good health. Our Lat.  $12.46^{\circ}$  S.

Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant weather seems to carry the day in this part of the Pacific and I feel very glad for it as I feel much better than at home and I guess all hands so the same. They have been fitting and painting a boat today, ready to use but we do not see the whales we are looking for. nothing new. Our Lat  $11.14^{\circ}$  S Long.



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Monday. We have had rather unpleasant weather today, it has been raining and squally all day. but we have been able to catch water enough for all hands to wash with. and that is well for there must have been some dirty cloths by the books of the clean ones now strung up at sunset. there was a sail in sight from mast-head. and would have been from the deck but it was thick and we could not see very plain. A. G. is not very well to night. but the rest are as usual. so ends today.

Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup>. It has been unpleasant a part of the day sometimes squally with some rain. we raised a ship from mast-head early this morning right ahead and she has been in sight at times through the day. there has been nothing of consequence transacted here through the day. Our Lat 5-14. Long 108.58.

Friday the 7<sup>th</sup>. It has been quite squally with some rain. but ~~we~~ have seen no whales nor anything that looks like them. we lost a hog last night and she left 5 little pigs 4 weeks old. there is not much news we are well on board except Mr. Catheart and he has been quite unwell to-day but feels less distressed to night. nothing else worth writing. Our Lat 8-54. S. Long. 109.27. W.

Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>. We have had pleasant weather for the most of the day. with a few squalls of rain, and nothing new to attract our attention not so much as the wished for there she blows. we are very well and our Lat. 8-19. Long. 111.46. W.

Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Good weather still continues I have been on deck most of the day reading and many others have done the same. a good lookout has been kept from mast-head but nothing seen yet but a few porpoises and they do not venture near us I suppose for fear of being



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taken, we are all very well and our Lat-2:07 S Long 113.31 W

Monday the 10th, we have had a delightful day the sun has sent her scorching rays upon us, without being clouded by squalls of rain and with a moderate wind we have gone along nicely, I have done my washing with my usual help. Besides, using my needle some, at about 4 o'clock P.M. they sing and sail, O. from mast head. but she is a great way off. and it is not our luck to speak may so. by morning we may not be in sight, I but it would be quite pleasant to see some one cruising about on the ocean with ourselves, nothing else new to record. except we caught a porpoise last night in the night which has give us a fresh mess. today so ends our Lat. 32 miles S Long 114.31 W

Tuesday the 11th. Another pleasant day has passed and not a sight at the whales, although they say we are on cruising ground. where many a thousand has been taken, but I hope we shall get a little before we get across it but it looks rather dark for it now. Our sail we saw last night was a fore and aft schooner. but we did not get near enough to her to know any more about her, so ends our Lat 9 miles S Long 116.31 W

Wednesday the 12th. Time passes on and we draw nearer the L Islands I suppose and I begin to fear we shall not get another sperm whale before we do, this morning there was a sail in sight astern nearly it was a Big ship did not get a sight as she was seen only from mast head, I suppose some Californian and success to them all. Our Lat. 7 miles S Long 117.31 W

Thursday the 13th. we have had pleasant weather today and I have been starching and ironing and got along nicely for the first time there is not much new. they have been cleaning the outside of the ship to get ready to paint tomorrow, so that we



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may look nice, we was weighed a few days ago and I forgot to mention it. We weighed, 141 lbs and A.G. 69, and Dr 130, the same that I weighed off the Falkland Is. but I feel much better than I did then, so no more, ~~Lat~~ Our Lat 45 miles N. Long 118.10

Sunday the 23<sup>d</sup>. It is some time since I have written but there has nothing of consequence transpired since except we have had the trade winds from the N.E. for a few days past and the way we have been going is no ways slow as the winds have been strong. We get along towards the Is. and the talk is if the winds hold strong that a week will carry us quite near them. Wm A.G. & myself are very well although A.G. has been seasick a little for a few days past. we do not have not even a scintilla to put our eyes nor a whale and now do not expect to for the present. Our Lat is 10.32 N. Long 137.16 W.

Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> we have had a strong breeze today and a squall or two of rain but for the most part it has been pleasant. but I have not felt the best and A.G. has complained of feeling seasick a little but I hope he will not be much. the rest are well as usual except one of the men cut his hand bad today with a lance & ends the day with the Lat: 11.52 N. Long 140.13 W.

Sunday April the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday March the 29<sup>th</sup>. We arrived in Hilo Bay. Island of Hawaii. With all well on board, soon after coming to anchor in the afternoon. William and Alexander, with a boat's crew went on shore to hear the news and see the folks, and came off towards night, and brought a bottle of milk and a few eggs. that was sent me, with an invitation to come on shore the next day and stop at one of the Missionaries, (Mr Lyman.) The next morning we went on shore, and I found them very pleasant people. We went to the native meeting in the morning, which was more amusing to me, than interesting, for I could not understand what was said



and it seemed strange that any one else could. In the afternoon, there was an English meeting to a small Chuach near the native, for that purpose, we went to that and liked it very well; Mr. Coan preached, the following week we visited Mr. Coan, and Dr. Wetmore's the Missionary's physician, and found them all very pleasant and good people. Those three are all the American families there are residing here, but there is a number single gentlemen that are here at present, with Mr. Pitman a native of Boston, that has married here and resided for a number of years, 13; I think he said, there are a number of other missionary stations at different parts of the Island, but only one family at a station. I like this place very much, and do not think I should feel more at home anywhere except at home. William concluded to leave Alexander and myself here while he went to the Arctic Ocean (which was rather a disappointment to us both) but as God knows all things, and what is for our good better than we do, I feel reconciled to it. Tom provided a place for us to board and we was here a few days before he went; we have a house of Mr. Pitman's, by ourselves, and eat at his table, we live well as to quality and quantity most of the well, for our good, here we shall stay for the present if all is well. William went from here Monday night <sup>the 14<sup>th</sup></sup> on board of the ship and I thought he would come back again, but there was a chance for him to get out, and I have not seen him since, but saw the ship outside the next morning, he had been trying to get out for three days. The Friday afternoon before he went. Capt. Hunting of Ship *Effie* of Sagharba, Capt. Leabury of Ship *America*, Mr. Pitman, & William, Alexander, and myself took a ride on horseback up to see the falls, about two miles from here, It was worth going to see, the water falls.

It was my first attempt at horseback and I succeeded very well and liked it too. The next day we had an invite to a shower on Cocoa Nut Island, about a mile



distant; where we went and enjoyed it very much. Mr Lyman and family was there. The Dr's wife was there. He was called to another part of the Island. ~~He~~ attend to professional duties, Mr. Coan was away — likewise, his two little girls were there. it was quite a company with the Capt. O. and H. I have felt very lonely since William went, and if Alexander had gone too I ~~fear~~ I should have been unhappy, but as it is I feel thankful that I am so pleasantly situated, away from home and connexion. I think William will feel the loss of our company very much. but I hope the Lord will give him health, and prosperity, and a safe return in the fall, and hope our lives and health may be spared us to meet him, I yesterday forenoon, we went in to Mrs. Wetmore's to the examination of a little school of 15 scholars that she had been teaching English the past year, they are composed of Mr Pitman's little girl and boy, and an adopted one and the rest are Chinese children. it was a very interest<sup>ing</sup> examination, and I think they must have made great progress for the first year, and not knowing how to speak English either. After dinner, A. & I went up to Mr Lyman's to ride on the Donkey, and I took a walk up there for an hour, and to day A. & I and myself are here alone, reading and writing. It is rather cold to day. we have had very comfortable weather since we have been here. when we except a plenty of rain, which does not make it very uncomfortable, in the house. only to go out in. But rain seems to be very natural to this place, and I doubt whether they are ever in want of it, we have been here three weeks yesterday and ~~there~~ has not been more than three days in the time but what it has rained more or less. There are a plenty of trees here of various kinds. such as Coconut-trees. Plantain, Coffee trees, in abundance, with some Breadfruit trees, and many others that I do not know the names of. Pine Apples grow here but they are not ripe yet, and a plenty of strawberries grow back in the mountains. but I do not think we shall get any. as it is 30 miles or more there seem to be a plenty of vines about here but they do not yield much. I do not think what more to write to day so ends. the 20th of April



Kila. April the 29<sup>th</sup>, I have not had much to write about this week past. But I will give a short account how my time has been employed. The first part of the week I made me a dress, and have done some other sewing. Wednesday we went to Mrs Coans to tea, and they had a meeting there in the evening and we stopped ~~to~~ it. yesterday we were to Mr Lyman's to tea, and the Dr's wife was there, and he came home during the time after being gone a fortnight. too ~~late~~ <sup>late</sup> to tend up a sick child of Mr Henry the missionary there. The child was better when he left there. I enjoy myself very well he rides on Mr Lyman's Donkey very often, and goes up there and takes a bath with the boys quite often, and we enjoy ourselves as well as we can. but I feel the absence of my Dear Husband very much. And look forward to the time we shall meet again if the Lord wills it, and spares our lives and healths, which I hope if it is best he will, I have not felt the heat today although it has been very pleasant. we have had a thunder storm three days in succession before today, there has no ship come in here since Wm went, and it is doubtful whether there is another soon or not, but there is a little vessel looked for soon from Oahu, as there is nothing more of consequence to write I will close this weeks news. A B C.

May the 11<sup>th</sup>. We have a stormy day and I thought I would write a few lines although I have not much news to write there has been little transpired of consequence since I last wrote Alexander's health and mine has been as good as usual and that is very good. There has three vessels arrived here and sailed again. one a Brig from California that stopped a day or two there was two Ladies on board but they did not come on shore, the other vessels were two little schooners from Honolulu, one brought the missionaries children from a school and took the missionaries down to general meeting the other a freighting vessel with native crew.



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 to-day there is a large ship in the offing but we cannot tell whether she is coming in here or not. I hope she is as it looks pleasant to see a ship in the harbour. A week ago yesterday Mr & myself went with Mrs Lyman & her children and Mrs C's children up on a high hill back a mile and spent 4 or five hours. It is where there used to be a <sup>volcano</sup> crater. we had a very pleasant view of the harbour and offing for many miles. In the <sup>centre</sup> top of the hill is a deep and large round hollow where the crater was; that, Mr Lyman has <sup>for</sup> a garden now. I looked down but did not go down as I felt quite tired although I rode on the Donkey most of the way. They have a little house up there where they go sometimes for a treat to the children as well as themselves. The children carried sleds and cut pathways and slid downhill most as well as if there was snow. we all had a very good time indeed. The next morning their oldest sons arrived to them after an absence of ten months. I have not been from mine & but I should be pleased to see it although I am well contented to be here at present. But a life on the ocean wave a home on the rolling deep ~~with~~ with my husband is preferable than being on shore without him. unless as in the present case it is very necessary. but he has been gone nearly a month. and I hope the Lord will spare us all to meet again in the course of six months from now, so I will quite this tirade for the present hoping for the future. A B. Cuth.

May the 13th. This day has been a delightfull one at Hilo. that is the weather has been very fine. and we have been tolerably well but not quite as well as common. yesterday we took tea with Mrs Coan and had a very pleasant visit. This afternoon Alexander has been with the boys down to the Wilukuma river & bathing and enjoyed it but I think he swam too much as he complains of his head tonight. about 5 o'clock we both took a walk down to the Wilukuma river in ~~the~~ opposite direction as I had not been there and there were a plenty of rocks in the river which



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made quite a fall of water, which was noisy enough  
we shifted about from rock to rock and came to a plank  
and waded across that. Then over more rocks and  
another plank and we were across the river the-  
people, <sup>(not natives)</sup> think it a bad place to cross. but I thought  
it very good for rocks and a plank when we got back  
I felt very warm and some tired, as it does not  
take much to do that. when it is warm weather  
especially. we finished our tea near 8 o'clock and  
now AG is painting some pictures in a book and I am  
as you see a writing. so no more tonight. A.P.C.

Sunday, the 18th, Alexander and myself are very well today  
and have been since I last wrote. we have spent the  
day at Mrs Lyman's and Mrs Evans and enjoyed ourselves  
much, but once in a while I feel lonesome for a few  
minutes then get over it, Tom has been gone five  
weeks tomorrow and I am in hopes in five times that  
number more he will be back safe with all well  
and a good case of oil. and that we shall have  
our healths to meet him, and we shall if it is our  
Heavenly Father's will. and if it is not I hope we  
shall be reconciled to his will whatever it may be.  
There has been one arrival during the past week a  
little schooner from Oahu, but nothing new for me  
that I have heard, so ends A.P.C.

Sunday the 28th. We are very well today and there  
is nothing new to relate as nothing has transpired  
during the last week worthy of note. My time has  
been employed in sewing and reading with a few  
walks out to see the neighbors &c. AG has attended  
to his lessons and with play that has been his  
exercise. I have been writing to some of my friends  
in the States with hopes to see them in time if all are  
well. so ends the week A.P.C.

June the 1st. During the past week we have  
enjoyed good health, and we have had very  
good weather. so of course we have enjoyed  
ourselves as well as possible away from our



1844 June family and connexion. but still I think we are among friends. and those that are as kind to us as we could wish. There has been two vessels in here the past week a Brig that came from Honolulu ~~but~~ from California the first part of May. They brought accounts of a fire at San Francisco the largest they have had. The other vessel was a sch. direct from Cal. 14 days. They stopt but a day or two in the harbor as Mr P was not at home. and they were in pursuit of produce to carry back to the coast. There was not many ashore from the vessels and I have heard no news except what a paper contained about the fire which was the most. Last Friday Mrs Land all of the children called A.G. and we took our work and went down to the beach and spent an hour or two. and the children all went in a bathing at the mouth of the Wiluku River. I really wanted to go myself they seemed to enjoy it so much. Our business for the past week has been for my part to sew and A.G. to get his lessons. and he seems quite engaged in reading the Bolls books that we borrow of Mrs L. So end the week with pleasant weather. A.B.C.

Thurs. 8th During the last week we have been blessed with very pleasant weather we have had a few showers only which was very much needed as the soil had got very dry. Alexander and myself have been in good health and are at the present time. we have not accomplished much business and do not expect too. A.G. attends to his lessons and I my sewing which seems to be the most except reading which we do considerable of. we have been to Mrs Coans to tea. on Thursday. There has a sch. arrived here from Honolulu and will sail again to-morrow I expect. There does not seem to be any more news except that they have heard from the missionaries and expect them in about two weeks. It is rather lonely here now. Mrs P's family gone and so many others. So ends the week A.B.C.



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The 15<sup>th</sup>. We are enjoying good health this day  
which I think is a great blessing and one I hope  
to enjoy a long time but as life and health are  
uncertain we must enjoy it when we can.  
There does not seem to be much news to note at  
this time, during the past week we have made  
a visit to Mrs Lyman, and Alexander has  
been over to Coconut Island one day on an  
excursion with the children. There has three  
vessels arrived during the week one an English  
Brig from Tahiti bound to San Francisco and one  
a Brig from Oahu bound to San Francisco. That  
we intend sending letters by. The other a schooner  
from Honolulu. The English vessel sailed again  
last night the others remain, as far further news  
I have not heard any so I will it is rather  
dull. Mr Pitman's family away and the missionaries  
away too but they will soon be back now.  
I enjoy myself however very well considering I  
am away from my native land and company  
except Alexander and he is a great deal of company  
for me so ends the news of the week A.B.C.

Tuesday The 24<sup>th</sup>. During the past ten days I have  
not wrote any in this but we have enjoyed excellent  
health in that time and continue too. There has  
not much transpired of consequence with us  
but it has been quite a stirring time in the  
place since Saturday. At that time there was a  
vessel arrived from Oahu and brought Mr  
Pitman's family in their usual health except  
the little boy and he had his leg hurt by the  
boom of the vessel a few days before so that  
he cannot step or use it. The vessel likewise  
brought the missionaries for this and other parts  
of the Island, from general meeting which  
with some foreigners makes the place quite  
lively. Yesterday Judge Liffet left here yesterday  
for Honolulu on business for a week or two.  
This afternoon I had a call from Mrs Coan  
and Mr and Mrs Henry of Oahu with their two



children they seem like very pleasant people as  
I hear they are. Tonight a Mr Linsteadman has arrived  
he left here a few weeks ago. Likewise for a week  
past we have taken our meals in our parlor  
as they have been fixing up the dining room, and  
I believe that is the most that I think of now  
that has been of note, so I will end this scribble. A.B.C.

Wednesday the 25th. This morning it was rather  
raining but the most of the day it has been quite  
pleasant. Alexander and myself have been  
very well. This afternoon I have called to  
the Drs and Mr Coaws and Lyman and feel  
quite tired as it has been quite a warm day.  
I had an introduction to Mr & Mrs Whittier  
at Mr. C. of the Island of Olowee. They were  
very pleasant people, now I hear the  
Musquitos making their music so I will  
quit writing for this time. A.B.C.

Friday the 27th. We have been in good health for  
past two days and there has not much of  
consequence passed here, except the arrival of a Scho.  
about noon I have understood her to be a sort  
of man of war British, and there was another  
sch in the offing, and one left here this morning  
with some Missionarys for another part of the  
Island. I took a walk down to the beach this morn-  
ing, and it was very pleasant, and made a call to -  
the Doctors a few minutes, and this afternoon he &  
his wife and the little girl that is with them for  
the present called here, her name is Ellen Bond  
and they have finished taking their meals in  
our parlor. I suppose they have got the dining -  
room in fine style. A.B.C.

Saturday the 28th. It has been a very pleasant day  
and we have enjoyed it except it has been very  
warm and I think I should feel better if it  
was cooler at least more comfortable. Alexander  
has been over on coconut Island and on



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board of that sick that came in yesterday, with  
Mr Pitman and family and Dr Wetmore's wife  
and the children, they had a good time had  
a bathe and a lunch and on board of the  
vessel they saw many curiosities, besides having  
the pleasure of being seasick some of them & I  
was sick a little, but the vessel rolled so that I  
did not wonder. I have been sewing some and  
marking some and knitting a little, now & I have  
gone to bed tired and came home from swimming  
and I feel rather tired, although I have not done  
work enough for it, but sometimes I am tired of  
doing a little, so I think I shall bathe and follow  
Alexander's example. A.B.C.

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Saturday the 5th, It does not seem a week since  
I wrote but I see it is and now I will give a  
short history of the past week. Last Sabbath we  
had it quite pleasant. Alexander went to meeting  
in the morning and I was employed in reading  
the most of the day. Monday we went to  
Mrs Boan's to tea and had a very pleasant  
visit and spent the evening. Tuesday I was employed  
in sewing. Wednesday I went to Mrs Wetmore's and  
washed some things, and Thursday we went  
there and spent the day and I rinsed my things  
that I washed the day before, we had a pleasant  
visit, and yesterday was the 4th and at day-  
light there was guns fired and a number of  
times through the day and there was quite a  
large number of the native boys with banana-  
leaf caps on and two or three with old tin-  
cheese boxes or something else that was tin and  
they drummed around here till afternoon  
and I know not how much longer at least  
I was relieved of the noise then by an invitation  
to Mr Lyman's to tea where I went quite early  
Mr Coan's wife was there too, we had a good  
visit there and spent the evening, the children  
were amused by firing off crackers, and little  
cannons of their own construction in the



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evening, they fired a few rockets down here which pleased the children. And they all seemed to enjoy themselves very well. To-day I have been at home and off went to Mr Lyman this forenoon (as he had a bunch of crackers given him) to share with the boys and this afternoon he has been to the beach and had a ride back of Mr Pitmans horse, and now he is reading in Radlo's Gravelly to night. We had 4 dozen beautiful mangoes sent us from Mrs Coans and she are bountifully supplied with everything we need for to make us comfortable we are in a land of strangers as it were. but God has given us many friends I believe, far in my own native land or even home. We should not have more favours, and kindnesses shown us, now. if I knew where my Dear Husband was this night. I should like it. but I know there is one that will watch over and care for him as well as us, in our absence from each other, may he bless and prosper him. If I should live till to-morrow I shall be 81 years. I can hardly realise it; but it is even so. now I will close this rambling sketch saying that we are both very well at this time. A B Cash

Wednesday the 9th, The last Sabbath was my birth day I was here all day with the exception of going to my meals. Alexander went to meeting in the morning and we passed the most of our time in reading. Monday was quite pleasant and all were well as usual. and when we went to dine to my great surprise and discomfort we had to dine with five stranger gentlemen, named Boyd, Webster, Crawford, Burns, and Ottomell. the last named belonged to N. Bedford. It really made the rest of the day unpleasant to me. but however Tuesday I felt well as usual. and nothing of much consequence passed during the day. except there was an arrival of a fish but no news for



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me. towards night I walked out and  
called on Mrs Coan and Mrs Wetmore and  
found them well as usual. Today it has  
been stormy the most of the day but we  
are very well about noon Mr Lippitt arrived  
from Oahu, after being gone two weeks, but I  
heard no news by him. We have had a pine  
apple and some figs sent us from Mrs Lyman  
today and tonight I had some grapes sent  
from Mrs Pitman and I believe that comprises  
what I have to mention now. A.B.C.

Tuesday the 15th. We are well as usual except  
A.P. has a sore mouth. since I last noted I have  
been to Mrs Coans to dinner. and today I have  
been to Mrs Lymans and spent the day A.P. has  
been over on Coconut Island with the children  
and Capt John Worth. that is all Mr Lyman but  
they got back at dinner time. yesterday Mrs Pitman  
Lippitt and others left here for Oahu to be gone  
a week or more. we have had considerable rain  
for the last week but have had it quite pleasant  
today and as there has nothing more of consequence  
transpired I will not write any more tonight. A.B.C.

Saturday the 19th. Last Wednesday Alexander went  
with the boys over to a river about 8 or 4 miles  
called Hanuakee and had a good time and a  
bathe in the river which was better to him  
than all the rest for he is very fond of bathing.  
Thursday passed as usual. Friday we had  
Mr & Mrs Coan to call on us and Mrs Wetmore  
and today we have been to Mrs Coans to  
dinner and had a pleasant visit. Messrs  
Pitman Lippitt and others arrived from Oahu  
(after a pleasant journey) safely. Alexander  
and myself are very well. and we have  
been blessed with health ever since we  
have been here. I feel that our Heavenly  
father is ever watchful for our welfare  
and happiness. A.B.C.



July the 27th. It has been a week since I have wrote any and in truth there has not been much for me to write as there has not been any arrival at the place and it has been rather dull although I have been very well contented as far as regards the times for it does not require very stirring times to keep my mind employed. If we have our health I think we ought to be thankfull without ~~standing~~ our wants supplied in every respect. Although since we have been at this place we have enjoyed many blessings (beside the great one of health) that many even around us do not, although I see no beggars going about here as they do in many places. And all seem to have whole cloths that wear any. But there is not so much work and taste in their garments as in our, but more for comfort being mostly loose. During the last week I have walked out a few times to see my American neighbors that is the missionaries and there is none others of the female sex. Thursday I had a call from Dr Smith a Scientist from Oahu that stoped at Mr Coans, he has now gone with Mr P. on his Professional visit at Obedan.

We have been at this place near 4 months and have not heard a word from California or the States. I feel anxious to hear from them at home. and likewise from my Dear Husband I often think how lonely he <sup>is at this time</sup> ~~is at this time~~ but if we should both live it will not be many months before he will be at this place I hope in safety. and prosperity and all that went with him. and hope that we may live to meet him here. we expect soon to go to Mr Coan to board soon. but as they expect company this week, I do not know whether it will be this week or not. Alexander went to meeting this morning. but I have not been but one day since I came here although I should like very well to go. as I have nothing of interest to write I will quit for the present A. B.



July 5<sup>th</sup> Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> We have been well today as usual and I have been at home the most of the day. I called to Mrs. W. this morning and found they were well. and H. has been studying and playing today and this evening is reading in a Billo Book. We have had it quite pleasant today but it has been raining a little shower to night just to keep the dust laid. A.B.C.

Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> It is 4 months this day since we arrived in this harbour. and I am in hopes in 3 more (or less) that the Ship Columbie of St. will be lying here in the harbour again with all safe & well that left in her and that we shall be well to meet them. I dreamed last night that they arrived early with 27.00 bl. oil. but as dreams comes by contraries (as the saying is) I shall not expect such prosperity for them as that. It has been quite a rainy day but I have felt very well. This afternoon Alexander has been down to the Wilumona to bathe. and I guess they bathed pretty well for he was gone near three hours. and says they were in all the time they were down there. Mrs Coan came in to see me a little while but did not stay long as her cook came to tell her that she had a chance to send a note to her husband. as he is absent. There was nothing new transpired to record. A.B.C.

Saturday August the 2<sup>d</sup>. We are enjoying good health this day, and feel thankful to God for the great a blessing with all others we enjoy. Since I have arrived we have made a change in our boarding place and are now at Mrs Coan's where I feel glad to be. although I have enjoyed myself well at my other boarding place, we came here Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. and yesterday Mr & Mrs Whittlesey and child. and a young man named George Bates came here from Han. and Dr Smith was here previous so there is quite a family. there has nothing more occurred that I think of to mention now. A.B.C.



At Sea March 14<sup>th</sup> 1852

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It is a long, long time, since I quit writing in my Journal; <sup>or Sketch Book</sup> and I did not think I should write much more in it; but as there are many things that transpire, that I would like to remember, and my memory does not serve me as well as I could wish; so I will make another attempt. But perhaps it will be well for me to mention some few ~~in things~~ that I might wish to remember. that have passed since I wrote, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October of 1851. We left Hilo and all the our dear friends there, and went on board of ~~the~~ Columbia. with the addition of a darling little boy to our family. being 8 months old at that time, we went to Mowee and was there a week. the day after we arrived there, we went on board of the Ship Nauticon (which was the 29<sup>th</sup>) and spent the day with Capt. & Mrs. Vreder, and had a pleasant visit. The 31<sup>st</sup> was on shore to a Mrs. Cartright's and spent the day; and that was the only time I was on shore there. although I had a pleasant visit to Mrs. B. I think I should not fancy the place much for a residence. We left the ~~Boaden~~ ~~Northampton~~ there, Capt. Joseph W. Folger, and Joseph Sheffield his mate were on board of us and we heard a deal of news from Nantucket by Capt. F. as he was just from that place by way of Cal. He told us that Thomas Coleman was dead, and we heard much other news there; we left there the 4<sup>th</sup> of Nov. and anchored off the harbour of Oahu on the 5<sup>th</sup> and went on shore with the intention of stopping one night, but we stayed two. we got 4 letters from the States, which contained a great deal of news some good and some bad. but to hear that our Dear Parents, were in good health as usual and Brothers and Sisters, was a great consolation to me. for I had not heard <sup>from them</sup> in a long time, we sent letters home from there, I did not see much



52 of the place as I could not leave little William  
very well, we had to go out to lodge that is one  
thing I dislike in their boarding-houses. you must  
lodge where you can. but we got along nicely,  
and left the place on the 7<sup>th</sup>. to proceed to  
New Zealand. to cruise and recruit for the Arctic.  
Our boats went on shore at Fanning's Id. and  
got some Cocoanuts. there were people there  
making Coconut oil. In Dec we stopped at  
Opolu one of the Navigators Is. I did not go on there  
we got a great many fine Apples and Bananas  
the best I have ever seen, our boats next  
landed at Sunday Id. near the cruising ground.  
They did not get much to eat there, the next  
land we saw, was Goat Id. and two of our  
boats in company with boats from ship Liverpool  
and Tamerlane. went on shore after goats was  
gone most of the day and brought on board about  
15 goats, some dead, some wounded, and some  
alive. and quite a hard days work they must have  
had; for they had to lower their goats down a  
precipice 200 feet perpendicular, they got some  
fine looking milk goats but not a drop would  
they give. there, from there we went to French  
Rock and vicinity. and cruised a few weeks  
was in company with Ship Tamerlane, Swift,  
Charles W. Morgan, Oliver Crocker, and Bark  
Pocahuntas, saw whales, 6 times. but got none  
as the weather was very unfavourable, and  
whales very wild. about the last of Jan. 1858  
we left for New Zealand. and after a very rough  
passage arrived at Bay of Islands on the 2<sup>d</sup> of  
February. There we found the Ship Uncas. Capt  
James. He had his wife and little girl 3 years  
old with him, the ship Swift went in the same  
day. the Warren of Pisbury, the Logan of NB and  
the Nocturne of NB just from home, but no  
letters. I went on shore days same but did not  
stay nights. the residents are mostly English.  
I got some acquainted with a Mrs Inglis and  
her mother and sister, we went to Mr G.



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58 and spent the day. she has six children, the youngest a little older than William Murray, and weighed about 11½ lbs at six months, while Willy weighed 17½ at six months, but he was a smart little thing. They were a very agreeable family and we had a very pleasant visit. We got our recruits and left Port the 12th. I had a very bad cold, such as I have not had before since leaving home, but got over it after a while, we spoke the ship Gen Williams last week, and Capt Forsyth and son came on board of us. he left Muonganni 4 days after us, and reported the Massachusetts of. Port there just from home with 200 lbs sperm. (I wish we could see them for I think we should get letters) now we are in the Lat. 16-58. L. Long 69-54-40. near the Navigators where were in Dec, only bound N. instead of South. I will end my scribble saying we have a very pleasant day, and hope the weather will continue so, but would like to have a little more of a breeze, as it is rather moderate now. So ends this with all on board in apparent good health.

Wednesday the 10th, made the Island of Mauna (one of the Navigators) with 2 other small ones near it, but the wind being light, we did not get to them until Thursday the 11th P.M. when one of our boats landed and made a trade for about twenty little pigs, and as many bunches of Bananas, and some Cocoanuts, and got off again by 5 o'clock, we had quite a number of natives to come on board, and they were very civil indeed, we then steered our course for Swain's Is. (a short distance to the NW I believe) which we made about 12 o'clock Saturday the 13th, there was a number of canoes came off on board with a dozen natives and one white that was making coconut oil, he said there was about 30 natives there and <sup>some of them</sup> they were picked up by a ship and brought there in a starving condition, as they left other Is.



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in their canoes, for want of something to keep  
them alive. There is plenty of coconuts and  
logs of this Id and fish. and that is all  
they have to live upon. and not a drop of  
fresh water on the Island; they have to drink  
coconut milk, It would be very hard for me  
to have to live so. and I do not think I could  
long. although they looked in good health.  
we ~~saw~~ <sup>saw</sup> spouts close to the land which  
proved to be a large Humpback with her young.  
two boats lowered but they were too cunning, and  
it was near night. we there proceeded on our  
way. and had it very squally the forepart  
of the night. the later part the wind light.  
now the 14<sup>th</sup> we are going along with a nice  
breeze and all well as usual on board

ABO.

21<sup>st</sup> We have a nice breeze now and go  
along finely with the wind aft. but during  
the past week we have had many head  
winds, and we have not made much  
progress in our passage, we have not  
seen anything that looked like whales  
either, and there has been nothing transpired  
worth recording. our healths has been not  
very good as it respects myself, but the rest  
has been well. but I feel much better  
to day. at about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 11 o'clock whales were  
raised and the boats lowered. and they got one  
small whale that made 10 bls. they were small  
whales and many of them but going very  
quick. nothing more of note.

Monday the 22<sup>d</sup> land was raised and about  
12 o'clock we were near enough to see how it  
looked it was Gardner's Id. two boats lowered  
went to see if they could find any anchorage  
or we could stop a leak that has troubled  
us for some time but did not succeed, they  
landed and saw the Lagoon that was in  
the Id and got a little grass for Kang. (but  
it was scarce) then they went and got some



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fresh fish, and then we proceeded on our way. that night and the next morning we tailed out our whale. Wednesday they took all they could from forward and piled up aft, on the quarter, and drenched her all down on one side and by the stern, as the saying is. ~~to~~ They could get her head out of water and Thursday they succeeded in stopping one leak if there should prove to be no more, and that night they got things all stowed back again in their places, nothing new to write except we have crossed the line and are now in Lat 4,33 Long 179.01, P. the most of us in good health. I think I feel as bad as any one on board, I have lost 12 lbs of flesh since I left the L.Ds. I weigh 126 a short time since.

April the 25<sup>th</sup>. It is 4 weeks since I have written and what passed, untill the last week is not of much note, except we spoke the Bark Eugene of Stonington from the L.D., (in Lat 26. North) and Capt Pendleton came on board and spent the afternoon with us. we had a pleasant passage untill about the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month then we had very strong winds for a day or two, then a heavy gale of wind with snow squalls. and in a few days had another, the 21<sup>st</sup> we spoke the Gen Williams but it was very rough, and the next day we were close by them and we went down to them, and Capt Forsythe and his son came on board and spent the afternoon and left us at dark, Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1/2 past 9 o'clock A.M. made land, and supposed it to be Berking's Id and about 11 o'clock P.M. awoke quite near the Id. we had a strong gale come on with snow squalls which kept it very thick; and we lay too drifting to the westward, as there were two Ids close together we were fearfull we might be between them which caused us much anxiety; for we could not see breakers untill they were close too, but fortunate for us the gale abated about



eleven o'clock, and we ~~stole~~ ship and stood the other way. and when day-light came we were right between the two Islands. It cleared up and we had a fair wind to run between them and hoping to catch some codfish but to our disappointment, we did not succeed. about 12 A.M. saw a ship coming from in shore farther. she came down and spoke us: it was the Vesper of St. London. Capt. Howes. came on board and stayed a few hours, but had no news for us. This morning there has been 4 ships in sight but I have seen but two of them. we have quite cold weather, but not more than I should think, I can get along with that better than gales. 3 in a week is 3 too many: we have had a plenty of snow, I did not see but one of the Islands that was Berhings Id. it mostly covered with snow but Capt. Howes says there are a Russian Settlement on each of them; but they do not look as if people could inhabit it. We are very well except colds and I am more troubled with them than any of my family I believe. Little Murray seems as smart as a bird and requires a great deal of care this rough weather; because if we put him down, he gets up by every thing that he can get hold of and gets many falls, although he understands the motion of the Ship better than I do sometimes I think.

#### Kamschatka Sea

April 29<sup>th</sup> It is now quite pleasant, but we have had nearly a gale, or quite, the most of the day. we have been cutting in a Bow Head (as they call them) today. that we got yesterday. a big one too, if I am any judge: It is the first Head one that I have seen; and ~~it~~ was a curiosity to me, particularly the Head, the bone looks so very curious and pretty withal; I hope we shall get a number such ones, if it is best. It was a days work for them

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all to kill it, and get it to the ship, for they had to  
 tow it a long ways, with all the boats, for it was calm  
 and the ship could not get to them. ~~Yesterday~~  
 we spoke the Monongahela of N.B. Capt Leatery,  
 came on board, and spent the afternoon. He got  
 a whale the 11<sup>th</sup> of this month that made him a  
 150. lb oil. The vesper of N.B. passed us today a boiling  
 and the Brooklyn came nearly to us and then  
 wore ship and stood the other way. one or other ship  
 have been in sight at a distance, I have some  
 cold and so has a number on board. we got  
 no Lat today but yesterday it was 57-13. Long  
 164-57. D

Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> We have got quite pleasant weather  
 now, but since I have written, we have had all the  
 kinds; I believe that this country affords snow and  
 wind a plenty, and rather too much for comfort;  
 but we have got along with it all thus far; Saturday  
 night we had a gale come on so sudden they had  
 to put out their fires and quit trying oil. the gale  
 continued untill today. It was not a heavy gale,  
 but a very heavy sea, that made the Columbia roll,  
 and jump, and talk too her fashion. There has  
 been a number of ships in sight today, and we  
 see some Brother Sailors on our weather or lee  
 quite often now-a-days. If I could see one from  
 home and get some letters I should like it, but  
 I might hear something that would make me  
 feel worse so I will be content untill I hear  
 thinking it will be for the best. They are now  
 about to finish boiling the whale which did  
 not yield as well as they expected, but it is so  
 much towards a cargo. Our family are all in  
 tolerable good health. and I pray that they may  
 continue so, for it is a cold and uncomfortable  
 place to be sick in. Thursday we saw the ship  
 vesper of N.B. boiling and have seen a number  
 at a distance: so I think there has been some  
 whales got about here. so ends this day Lat 57-40. N  
 Long 164-14 W.



May the 9<sup>th</sup>. During the past week we have had beautiful weather, for the most of the time, but cold as of course we should expect; in such a place as this where, ~~but~~ this present time there is a plenty of fine pieces of Ice floating all around us with the land in the distance, all covered with snow which is ~~to be~~ <sup>great</sup> to look upon; but must be very uncomfortable to live upon, we are very well on board except sore fingers, and feet. That some on board are afflicted with. The 6<sup>th</sup> of this month we spoke the Illinois of N<sup>B</sup> Capt. Cornell was on board and spent the afternoon and evening, he was Hong Kong, where there had been 38 whalers recruiting, and 10 days before he spoke the Enterprise Capt. Swan he was on board and saw his wife; they had taken 340 bl sperm oil between seasons. I am glad for them or any one else that does well, for it is an anxious life, and hard earned money that is got by whaling. we have seen a number of ships to-day 2 of them cutting and three others boiling. yesterday we had Capt. Lower of the Moctezuma and Capt. Plough of the Niagara on board, they had not got any oil this season, but to-day the 18 has taken a whale; but some think they picked it up as we saw nothing of their whaling but saw them cutting. success to them all I say. The water to night presented a beautiful appearance with pieces of Ice strewn in every direction, I should think a Lake half covered with Swan's, would bear a good comparison to it. There is nothing else new to mention I believe. Alexander is 12 years old to-day.. one more this time. Lat 58-17, N. Long 163-54<sup>W</sup>

May the 16<sup>th</sup> The past week there has nothing <sup>much</sup> of note transpired with us, we have seen very few whales our folks killed one, and he sunk immediately which made them look sorrowful enough, for they had hard work with him in the Ice, and he took a tow line with him. we have been in company with the Alfred Gibbs and the Bark Arab. and the George & Mary of N<sup>B</sup> is near us to-day a boiling her 3<sup>rd</sup> whale

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for the season. and we saw the Arkab get one this morning. and there has not been another seen that we could distinguish till since I am writing they have sung out; there blows a number of times but do not know what it is. It is near 8 o'clock P.M. but it will not be dark this 3 hours. and remain so but 2 before day, light. It is a light country, at this reason of the year, and we have had very clear weather during the past week, we are in sight of land quite often and see a plenty. has been around us today - yesterday, there was 3 ships seen a cutting, so we think there must be some whales around here, but they do not seem to get in our track as yet. my family are in good health; except Alexander is very much troubled with the toothache, and is likely to be for it cannot easily be taken out with Rollers; so he will have to bear it. Our Lat is 56-51. S. Long 168-55, E.

May 23<sup>d</sup> Kamshatka Sea, The past week we have not been prospered, with any whales, but by the blessing of God we have been spared to live, while some around us have been taken to another world. My health has not been good for some days; but I have felt some better to-day, and Baby has had an ill turn, for a day or two; but is now smart as a little bird. he is a very little thing when he is well. Thursday the 26. there was a whale raised and a number of ships; our boats lowered and chased till <sup>(a right whale)</sup> he cleared out; so they came to the ship near noon, with the exception of my husband, and he went on board of the Cowper of N.B. (one I have long wished to see as they were from home, but to our surprise there was only 3 letters from the ship none for us; however about 4 o'clock after the best part of the day for whales was over. Capt Fisher and his wife, and son; came on board and stopped till near dark, which is quite late, in this country and as old acquaintances. we were glad to see each other; she was the first woman I have seen since the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, when we left the Bay of



Islands; so it was quite a rarity to see one, and  
 baby was frightened, he stared well; I suppose he  
 could have no recollection of one except this  
 another, we did not get much news from our  
 family at home, but heard from others: we had  
 a good gam as they call them: and Alexander  
 and George had a fine time, being school-mates  
 at home; There was another ship, (The Isaac Hicks of N.H.)  
 that the Capt. had his wife, on board close by but  
 they did not give us a call; Mrs Fisher was on board  
 of them the day before; and she told me she had  
 everything very nice on board. They had excellent  
 accommodations, and her cabin looked like a parlor;  
 there were other ships, but not very near: the next  
 morning the Cowper was in sight, but some distance  
 off; and there was a ship near us that killed a  
 whale, and he sunk, which seems hard for  
 they do no one any good. I am rather before my story,  
 as the saying is Capt. Pierce, of the Ship Kintawoff, came  
 on board, while Capt. F.'s wife was here, and he  
 lost with a great misfortune the night before, his  
 boats were fast to two right whales, cows calf and  
 had 3 boats stove very bad, and one boat stove  
 killed, (they did not get him) and his carpenter hurt  
 very bad, and one other man; he looked very sad,  
 and it made us all feel so: he left his wife &  
 little girl at Phila, a place dear to my heart being the  
 birth-place of my little Murrey; he was glad she  
 was not with him up here, for it was bad enough  
 to be here himself. It must be very discouraging  
 to ship-mates. the boat-steerer was a coloured man and  
 his first whale he ever struck: since Friday we have  
 seen no ships, and one whale killed a finback  
 and porpoise from the ship they sunk, and with  
 a strong breeze we have been steering northerly  
 untill within an hour, our ship has been there  
 ters, the weather being thick, hoping to lay  
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May the 30<sup>th</sup>. After I quit writing the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the wind continued to increase, and we had a gale; the next day the ship rolled and tumbled, so much, that I guess the beds held the most of our company, for myself however, I was up most of the day, on baby's account, for baby, think it bad enough to lay all night, and so it is in pleasant weather; we had a very heavy sea on, and towards evening she began to pitch in to the sea: and she tossed well (or ill) and at 20 minutes before 11, o'clock P.M. one of the watch came down and said the fore topmast was gone and jibboom and fly, &c, of course, and Main top galant mast; and they went on deck to try to secure something, but it was so cold and wet they could do nothing; directly they came down and said that one of the jibbooms pounded very heavy into the bows, and they were fearful it would make a hole in her and then they had to go and do something to remedy that, In the morning we could see how we looked. which was very much like a wreck: (with the rigging hanging by the cyclids as the saying is) it took them all day to clear out the snarl, there was two ships in sight, that day, and towards night they came down across our stern, and hailed, one was the Menker, of N.B. the other the Phoenix, of N.B. Wm went on board of the M. and succeeded in getting a foretopmast, so with what sticks we had, we have replaced nearly all of the lost, but I hope we shall not need to do so again, this voyage, if it is best, as it is the third time we have lost our jibboom this voyage since when I was on board. The 29<sup>th</sup> early in the morning the Ontario of Sag Harbor came down in the fog and spoke us, and Capt Brown came on board and took breakfast, and at night came again a little while, this afternoon <sup>we have</sup> the Bark Prudent and ship George of N.B. the Capt's have been on board a little while, now I feel quite tired, and do not feel very well, have a bad headache. The rest of our ships company appear well, baby fell down today, and cut his lip with his little teeth, so that he cried some time. so ends this week of blessings. for our lives are spared us as yet. A.B.E.



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June 6<sup>th</sup>. During the past week, we have not met with many difficulties, neither have we increased our stock of oil, but it is decreasing, I hope however by the blessing of God we shall increase it soon; as the season begins to look dark, to some of the company; whatever is for the best will be, and may we be reconciled to it, is my greatest wish.

Last Monday I undertook to wean baby, I felt so unwell, he went without 48 hours but I felt so much worse about it than he did that I gave it up, it seemed too hard when he was so young, so I shall try a while longer hoping to feel better. A few days ago we spoke the *Wm Wirt* of Fairhaven with one whale or 200, bls and the *Helen Augusta* of Newport. Capt Gales, he was on board here and, Tom and Capt I concluded to go to the Ochotsk Sea. and are now heading that way as near as they can judge for we have had so much fog for two days that we cannot see more than a ships length sometimes. Capt I sent on board an invitation last night for our folks to come on board there to meeting this morning; but it was so thick they could not see the ship so they have gone on board to a meeting at six o'clock, the Capt, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> officers etc and 2 or 3 boatmen and others, I should like to be to the meeting very well, if it was convenient. baby is asleep and I am here alone in the Cabin. We have heard of the loss of the Ship *Huntress* of N.B. in a gale she drifted ashore, but all hands were saved and that is a blessing, I feel for Capt Gibbs loss as well as the rest, for to lose our home in this cold region must be a hard thing, if it is a floating one, I ~~would~~ hope we shall not lose ours if it for the best. but in such fogs as these I do not wonder they are lost. it must require good calculation where they can get no observations. I think I have scribbled enough about so little. A.B. &



63 June the 13<sup>th</sup> 1852 North Pacific Ocean.

The last week we have head winds, and a plenty of fog to contend with, which is not only unpleasant but dangerous when near land. Last Wednesday we had an invitation to go on board of the H. A. and spend the day, it was a very pleasant day. (I believe the only one we have had for the week.) we went and had a fine visit: and returned safely but little Murray got cold and has not been on deck yet: and to-day he is quite unwell he has been taking a sweat, and feels a little better. there is a number in the ship that has colds; and I wonder there is not more. Alexander has been on board of the H. A. and spent the night, and day, we have had a bundle of books and papers given us from there which was very acceptable. A. G. has been troubled very much with headache and toothache. I pitied him but pity does not relieve such aches, although I think sympathy makes one feel better able to bear them (in my opinion that is) I believe we have seen one ship at a distance, and that is about all the news we have to relate. Our Lat yesterday was  $54^{\circ} = 51.54'$  and Long  $162^{\circ} = 44.0'$ . Eleven of our company have gone on board of the other ship to meeting. A. G. with the rest, may it be for their good is my wish so ends the 13<sup>th</sup>.

June the 21<sup>st</sup> In the Straits off Cape Lopatka. Round into the Ochotsk Sea. On Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> Capt. Gales, & Mr. Davis was on board. here to tea, the weather was very fine, and at 1 o'clock A. M. the 15<sup>th</sup> we lost sight of her, (it being a thick fog) and continuing so the next day we did not see her again until Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> at tea time, they sung out sail oh and it was very rugged, or we should have spoken her but we was but a short distance from her and we felt glad to see her, as it was their wishes to go through the Straits together: but lo in the morning she was no where to be seen: and doubt whether we have seen her since, although they think they have seen a



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a sail a number of time. but some we are  
sure prove cliffs of land, so now it is near night  
and we are bound through the straits with a  
head wind but a fair current. but it has  
been very moderate the most of the day so  
this morning they put over some lines to see  
if they could catch some fish, and to our joy  
there was Codfish, and all that could get  
lines had business. one boat lowered and  
anchored, and caught a hundred and forty while  
they caught about 200 on board; so we have got  
quite a prize we are pleased to have a fresh mess.  
meanwhile. Moses Brown, one of our Boatstewards set on  
the rail trying to fish and he fell in a fit; but got  
over it after a while; (or partially) he has had 2 -  
before one last season up to the Arctic one on  
Goat Id. A.L. and this they seem to me like convulsions  
fits. It shocked me very much being on deck with baby  
for I thought he fell and hurt him. but he is  
better to night. Oh! I forgot to say I went up when they  
were catching fish. and took a line that was over  
to see if I could catch any, and in a short time  
I caught 3 the first Codfish I ever caught; but it  
was very hard work to haul the line so far.  
they got in all 360. There does not seem to be any  
more news at this time, that I think off now  
except baby is not very well and I have a  
headache. our Lat is in the Straits or Don River  
Ochotok Sea.

June the 28<sup>th</sup>. We are still in the land of the living,  
through the mercies of our Heavenly Father, and are  
enjoying a good degree of health; for which I feel  
thankful, and for all other blessings we enjoy.  
We are now in the Ochotok Sea, and pretty well to the  
North of it too. we are stoday off Cape Olvin, land  
and ice a plenty near us. and tonight A.G. says  
there has been a great number of seals on the cakes  
of ice, but I have not seen them. We have not  
seen a sail, or a Bowhead this week, a few finbacks  
and humpbacks is all we have seen; but we have  
had remarkable pleasant weather, and the sea as

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smooth as need be. Today Jim sprained his foot so  
that he has to hobble round; as for anything else new  
I have none to write. Lat 48-21 N. Long 15-2-45-20

July the 7<sup>th</sup> Our family at this time, are well as usual;  
except William, complains a little of the rheumatism-  
tonight. Soon after I last wrote, we saw one Bow-head,  
chased him, but did not get him, it being very late;  
that is all the one we have seen since we have been in  
Sea. we have had contrary winds, and very thick weather  
and many of our folks are rather discouraged; but I  
hope we shall get some soon. Monday afternoon the 8<sup>th</sup>  
we spoke the Ship Hunter of Cold Spring. the first one we  
have seen since we come here) she had taken 5 whales the  
last week, and finished boiling that day. The Capt had  
his wife with him but she was quite unwell he said,  
yesterday. Jim, and Mr Luce, with two boats and crew  
and, Capt Smith, and two of his boats; went ashore, on  
a shooting cruise & I went with them, it was very pleasant  
they had a good cruise; and got a mess of birds, and  
that was all they got. some one brought off a small bunch  
of wild flowers, that one would hardly <sup>think could</sup> grow where  
there was snow or near it, and Mr L. brought a  
small bunch of Pine, or something very much like  
it; to night there is two ships at a distance appear  
to be a whaling. one is the H. but we see nothing  
but a few carcasses, that seem to be our share  
for the present, they have just said that the H. has  
just taken a whale along side, I am glad for them or  
any one else. Monday I commenced to wear baby, and  
have got along nicely so far, although the first night  
he cried considerable, poor little fellow I pity him  
if he was where he could have a cup of milk some-  
times. I would be glad; but cold water is his drink  
now. I hope he will do well. and have health. he  
is a great deal of company he is very cunning withall.  
I do not think of any more news to night. Our Lat. to day  
60-20 N.



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Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. We are all well at this time, with a plenty of business for just now. Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> we got one whale the 10 we got another; and the 11<sup>th</sup> another. so that now, they are boiling, stowing down, and cooping, all together. It gives them but little rest, and a plenty of work. and that is what many have been wishing for, and I hope they will be able to get some more, by the time they get through with these; for it looks more like getting home sometime. We have spoken the Ship Corinthian, and Capt Stewart came on board. There has been a great many ships getting oil here lately, but within a few days they have not seen many. there was one in sight this morning, but they lost the run of him; so we have to take it as it comes. There does not seem to be much news, except I see some deaths of people at home, by papers we got of Capt Stewart. one of my old friends, (Nancy Pease) it seems as if it was not so, but so the world goes, one after another, to make room for more; and let us know that time is short on earth, at longest; I hope we shall all be prepared when called; and reconciled to the will of our Heavenly Father. saw Lat 59.20 N.

July, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Since I last wrote we have not got any oil, and for a week we did not see any whales where we saw the other, and concluded to change our quarters. so we stood up towards the point between the gulfs, and when we made the land there we had a very strong wind and a head to go where we wished; so we stood over on the eastern shore and stood in close to the land, saw one bowhead and lowered for him, but it being late at night could not keep the run of him long enough. stood off and on through the night, and next morning we saw two small things at a distance, called them rocks and carcasses, and then as we drew nearer, thought them Russian vessels, and finally proved them to be the American whale ships. Coral and Corinthian of A.D. they came to anchor

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in towards the land and we went down and spoke the Coral and anchored too as there was a very strong current. Capt Stewart, and Sherman, was on board here and took tea, and towards night there was considerable swell on, and willed so that our anchor (being very light) began to drag and continued too until about 3 in the morning when they took it and made sail, (for we were drifting down towards the land very fast) and stood off and on shore and when the fog lit up at about noon yesterday, we were quite near the ships, they were both under sail, and in a few hours there was a number of Bow heads and all the ships boats lowered and the Corinthian got one off shore some ways and anchored there, but the Coral and Columbia anchored in shore. This morning William and Mr Luce went ashore after breakfast to see what they could see, and soon after we got under weigh and are now steering off. no whales in sight that I know of. our family are well as usual. our fat yesterday was 60-35-50.

Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> We are now lying at anchor near the western shore of the Gulf of - - and are stowing down oil, on the 26<sup>th</sup> we got 2 whales, one large one, and one very small made 8 bls, the ship Coral got the same at the time; and Corinthian a 20 bl whale. have not seen many since, but yester the Corinthian was whaling, some distance off, whether she took one, or not, we do not know. The night of the 25<sup>th</sup>. at midnight I was taken quite unwell, and continued so that I kept my bed near three days, and I have not felt really able to do much since but try to do a little to keep along, I have so much sewing to think of. Yesterday there were 5 or 6 canoes came alongside, with a goodly number of Indians, dressed in their sort of frock coat and trousers, made of the skins of deer and other animals. I think it must require a great deal of patience and ingenuity to make them, some of the pieces being very small not bigger than a half cent. they had



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quite a number of knives, our folks got a good many  
in exchange for iron hoops, and pieces of iron. They  
seem very inoffensive and seem happy. But it  
looks very hard to see them eat whale scraps, and the  
gun of whale; which appears to me like eating  
India rubber, but they eat it as if they loved it,  
they are very observing otherwise there is nothing very  
remarkable about them, as there is no other news  
to mention except we are all so as to be moving  
through the mercies of our Heavenly Father. so no  
more this time, Sat yesterday 62-00 N.

Aug. 15th. Since I last wrote we have had some  
bad weather, we ~~left~~ South in company with  
the Coral, but he got some distance south of us  
(being a good sailer) and the Corinthian was  
north of us, and Sunday night it came in a  
thick fog about tea time. and after tea the  
Corinthian was close to us so, we both  
came to anchor, and in the morning when it  
~~cleared~~ up a little the Coral was at anchor close  
by, and the Huntville at some distance  
we could not see her, but Capt Sherman said  
she fired a gun in the night and he answered  
by another. Monday it was thick and ~~then~~  
went on board of Capt Stewart as he was not  
very well and sent for him, and in the afternoon  
Capt Sherman went too, towards night it began  
to breeze and a heavy sea came on, and when  
Tom came on board it was most a gale, I was  
quite unwell and gone to bed with a sudorben  
cold, he got on board nicely, but Capt L ship  
was so far to windward that he could not get  
there, so he came here. and stopped all night  
and next day, towards night the wind and  
sea abated so that he went to his ship. mean-  
while our anchors dragged and we put  
out our little one, and got that broken.  
so that it is useless. for that purpose, it is a  
hard country here to whale it, if you have weather  
for it you will not see the whales. and when

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there is whales. The weather is bad, we have seen the ships since but have not spoken them. yesterday we saw a great many whales bound North our boats chased against wind and current, but they were going as if they had an especial errand. To-day it is cloudy & raining, with nothing in sight but land. (that is more than we usually see) I had quite a sick turn with my cold; but am now better. baby had a few days of drooping, in consequence of cutting a tooth. The rest of our family I believe have been well as usual. There is one other ship up here but we do not know what one we saw her at a distance, suppose her to be the Sheffield. nothing more that I think of just now.

Aug. # 22<sup>d</sup> Since I last wrote. we have had very unsettled weather. It has rained for 3 days a great part of the time. Last wednesday we got two small whales, and thursday got a dead whale, in all 3, they made about 70. lbs oil, and to day. the 2 mates has got two more small ones. I think they will make a hundred lbs, but they must try them out to know. We have all been in our usual health as far as I know. Friday William Murray had a birth day, and weighed 21½ lbs, he grows very interesting; he tries to imitate ~~the~~ most he sees us ~~do~~ that is possible for him too. and he goes alone quite nicely; but I suppose it will be sometime before he will give up his creeping if he lives; he requires one to look out for him for he is into ~~bad~~ that he can get too. even the transom locker. I think he tries to speak some words. deck for one and Cap. and a few, and I think he will talk some soon. I do think of much except we have seen Capt. Little of the Bark Vernon, that were hoiling, and yesterday, Capt. Roys of the Sheffield was on board, and they were stowing down and so of whale; now we are lying at anchor in the narrow part of the straits cutting in our whale; and the current running to the north very strong; it sounds like a waterfall. it is near my bed time and I believe I have thought of all the news for this time. Agibah.



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 The 24th, This day has been very unpleasant, a thick  
 fog, with a heavy sea on, and a strong current running,  
 and our ship lying at anchor; but she jumps and  
 rolls very much at times. Yesterday we were at anchor  
 a little to the North in the morning with a thick  
 fog. about 10 o'clock AM. the fog cleared up a little and  
 while we were eating dinner there was a whale raised,  
 and the boats were soon lowered; and very soon  
 Mr Luce's boat had a chance and struck a whale and  
 at 2 o'clock PM. the whale was dead and close to the  
 ship we think he will make a hundred blb.  
 We have seen whales once before in a week,  
 and saw the Sheffield's boats get 2; but we have  
 had very bad weather for some weeks, no severe  
 gales, but bad enough. Last night they say  
 was the clearest night we have had since  
 we have been in the Sea, and this morning  
 the Sheffield was in sight, but at breakfast  
 time it came in thick again. Alexander has  
 a very sore mouth. Mr Luce had his boat  
 stove by the whale, and hurt his back some,  
 but otherwise the rest of us are as well  
 as usual, through the mercies of a kind Father  
 and I pray, that he may grant health to  
 us all the remainder of our voyage; but if ordered  
 otherwise may he reconcile us to his will.  
 There is nothing new to write respecting this  
 place, or ourselves, except that Wm Murray goes  
 alone nicely, he has improved very much the  
 past week. he walks much more than he crutches  
 and is very much pleased with it too, he picks  
 up things quite heavy and carries them about and  
 if he falls up he gets up again. He does much better  
 than I would think it possible for him to, where  
 he has practised so short a time. He is a little  
 busy body and makes others busy sometimes,  
 the sea increases and Wm thinks we may lose  
 our anchor, but I pray not: for we are in a  
 dangerous country. But God who ruleth over  
 all will care for us. he is all power and wisdom.  
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Sept the 5<sup>th</sup>. Since my last writing, there has been many changes in the weather. From a calm, to a Hurricane, I should think, on Tuesday last the 31<sup>st</sup> of Aug. we had a very pleasant day and the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> officers got each a whale, and they got them cut in at about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning. They were quite good sized whales, and we were well lumbered up; for we had the oil of one whale on deck then, but it made us all feel quite lighthearted for it looked ~~more~~ like going home if we lived; but the next day we had rigged weather, and thick and it continued untill yesterday when about 4 o'clock P.M. we had what we thought to be a squall it came ~~so~~ sudden, but we soon found to our surprise it was a gale of wind that amounted to as much as some Hurricanes; in 2 minutes from the time the wind struck us there was a very heavy sea on and our having so much on deck we were in great danger of capsizing; it increased so fast that before dark they had to let out all the oil on the lee side to light her up a little which it readily did, although she was down enough at that. They let out about 40 bls of oil that they had worked hard for but some think it saved our ship and lives of course for if the ship had gone no boat could have stood it; and then we were close to land, and did not know exactly where, and it was thick and night coming on, but to our great joy they discovered land that they knew before dark and the moon soon after rose and shone out and it was clear overhead so they could see a distance, and before midnight it began to moderate, so that we could rest little easier: and today it has been a strong breeze and is now. When the gale first commenced the bowboat gave way and one man that was <sup>in her belly</sup> overboard our Blacksmith (he called) but the ship not going ahead they soon got him again; but I felt very much frightened when I heard the sound a man overboard and all I could say was Lord save him, and he has saved us all thus far, for which I feel.



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to give thanks and pray that that we may  
be more gratefull in future for small blessings  
and consider more, who it is that, giveth and  
taketh away. This is a hard country for whaling  
and it is an anxious life. I have been quite  
unwell ~~for~~ a few days with a distress about  
the chest and a cough which grows worse but  
I hope it will grow better soon if the Lord wills  
it. AG has complained a deal of the headache,  
yesterday Mr Eastheart fell down the stairs and  
hurt his back very bad; and his boatsteerer fell in  
the boat and hurt him some. Mr L. hurt his back  
a week ago. one man jammed 3 of his fingers,  
a few days ago and another cut his hand with a  
spade, and another scratched his with a hook,  
so these are some of the troubles of a whaling  
voyage, and I feel thankful they are no worse  
with us. Tom & baby appear tolerable well. Mary  
is cunning enough and trots off nicely he  
does not creep much I may say not twice  
across the floor in a day so I will stop  
this epistle for to night. except to say there  
has been a plenty of whales around, and  
they lowered but did not strike any. A.B.C.

Sept. 12. During the last week we have had some  
rough weather; but for 3 days past have had very pleasant  
ones; yesterday we came to anchor within a few miles  
of the eastern shore, and 3 boats crews went on shore  
after a draft of water. Alexander went with them  
and they did not get off untill 3 o'clock this morning  
they built fires on the beach, to warm themselves.  
But they all got off safe. with their craft and we  
are now under weigh steering for the western land  
when there is wind, hoping to see some Bow Heads  
tomorrow. we had a canoe loaded with Indians  
came off yesterday. they had a quantity of berries  
looking very much like our black whortleberries  
at home, but came to eat them they tasted very  
different; but we bought them and they made  
a very good pudding. This morning they came



off again with as many more berries, and among the black berries, there was a few blue berries, which tasted just like our swamp whortleberries at home, but they brought a nice lot of Arout which give us a mess for dinner and supper. They were a very manerly set of natives and pleased, and thankful, for all we give them. I have had a bad cough this week or more but it is much better, but not well yet. The rest of our family are well as usual. There is no other news to record except through the goodness of God our ships company are ~~still~~ among the living and in tolerable good health. A.P.C.

Sept<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> Since I last wrote we have not accomplished anything in the whaling line, although they have tried hard, we have seen a few whales, and they were to the windward of us, and when we had a strong breeze, after getting the water we went back as far north as the Islands, and saw no whales and... We thought best to come south, it being late in the season, and we had not got a whale for 3 weeks about. In coming yesterday we were nearly becalmed and quite near the land. They concluded to go on shore, and Una thought best for me and Murray to go as it was over 5 months since we was on the land, so we went and had a fine time picking whortleberries, and other berries, we would sit baby down on the ground and he would pick some for himself. I think he enjoyed it as much as any of us, we got off at night about 5 o'clock after spending about 4 hours on the shore. 3 boats and their crews went on shore, and all together got quite a quantity of berries, the blue ones were real whortleberries like home except not quite so sweet; and I should suppose they could not be in this cold country, although the black ones were a kind of bitter sweet. They grew on a sort of vine and some red ones that grew on vines seemed like cranberries and were sour like them. Some of our folks set fire to the brush and grass before they left and it went very fast so that I think it burned over the ground where we picked soon after we got on board, it showed very plain in the evening.



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74 Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> Menny was 13 months old and he goes alone all around and appears well but has an eruption out on his face but I cannot decide what is the cause; it does not seem to trouble him. My is very interesting and grows more so, My cough is getting better I don't cough but little now. I was weighed yesterday and I weighed 121½ lbs. and 84, and then 138. eleven months ago I weighed 138½. at the time I left Hills. I think it will take me a long time to gain enough to weigh again if I ever do. although I am in hopes that I shall recruit some when we get in if not before. Lat 59-02. Long 15-03

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. We have had a very pleasant day, and our boats have been chasing right whales, the most of the day, and the third mate succeeded in striking one and he sounded and was clear from him the short warp parted and left the Iron in him, yesterday ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~waist~~ <sup>boat</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> fast to one whale a long time and he took his line out and broke off. but soon after he slackened his pace, and they went for him again, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> mate got fast and he took out his line and part of the mates. and would not let them come near him after that. but moved quick when he was up: and after a while they were loose and he cleared out and that is all we know of him, but when Mr B. hauled his line in to his surprise, the first that was fastened came to and Irons with it, ~~so~~ there was no loss with that one. the past week we have had considerable rough weather. and have seen whales a number of times, but have got none I hope the next week to come we may be more successful. for it is late in the season. my cough is better, and I feel some better other ways than I have done, and the rest of my family are well as usual. but baby's face is still very red with a humour I suppose, but it does not seem to trouble him much. he is a good boy as we can expect and a deal of company our Lat is 56-10 N. and 15-2-46 - 8



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Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Through the care of a mercifull Father we are still in the (land) of the living (or world) I should say, and land does not greet our eyes at this present time; and I feel thankful that all the blessings we enjoy. My health has not been good, for a few months past, and for the past week, I have felt quite unwell until to day I have felt rather better; and hope it shall continue too if it is best. my stomach has been very weak so much so that it seemed as if I could not hold myself up strait; last Friday we had a heavy sea to contend against, and Wm, and myself, were very seasick. more so than we have been for the last year for I have not vomited so many times since I left Hilo as I did that day; and Wm vomited blood, in a small quantity. and he has not felt very well since; Alexander was sick some but not enough to vomit; Murry got along the best of either of us. I did not hear of any one else being seasick. Murray appears to grow ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> looks fleshy, but if our steel yards, tell right he does not increase very fast, for we weighed him to-day (he being 14 month old) and he weighed 22 lbs. The 13<sup>th</sup> of this month he fell off the transom and we expect he broke his collar bone; he seemed in great pain whenever he was moved for some hours, and we did not know where he was hurt, but thought it was his head; but by taking him up under his arm. we found it hurt him so, we found that his collar bone was bruised, and broken, to all appearance; we bandaged his shoulder up, as well as we knew how, and bathed it in spirits, and that was all we could do; not understanding about such things. He favoured that arm for a few days, but uses it now very well; but the bone sticks up very much and hurts him when we touch the place. We came out of the Ochotok Sea the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month and have had some head winds, and light fair winds, so that we have not got along very fast; we have not got any lat. for three days but the last was, 44-40. N Long 176-20-E. but now we are in the 40 longitude



we have not had much sickness on board the past season; but our cook, has got a bad swelled leg, and we think it is Rheumatism, as it does not seem like scurvy, and he has been afflicted with the Rheumatism in his wrist for sometime. we have not been very lucky this season, and I suppose we shall have to go another; if God spares us so to do, but I feel satisfied that they have all tried hard. but ill luck, we must take when it comes. but health troubles me more at the present, than another season does. But I pray that we may all be prepared for whatever is before us so no more at this time. Agubak.

Nov. the 11<sup>th</sup> The Portland of Hawaii. has been in sight to day and bring joy to many hearts. as well as a feeling of sadness. that one of our number has been committed to the deep there to lay untill the Sea shall give up its dead. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of Oct in the morning William was sent for by the Cook as he felt worse than usual. and he came down in the cabin to see what to do for him. and said he thought he would not live 48 hours unless there was a change for the better. likewise now, he was satisfied that he had the scurvy. as his other leg had commenced swelling. he did all he could for him and was with him and took Murray with him, an hour or two before tea, <sup>he</sup> was called up to his supper. when supper was over the 2<sup>d</sup> officer went immediately to see him. and asked him how he felt. and he raised his hand and let it fall on his breast. and said he felt very bad. and breathed only a few times. Now had only time to get down there. it was so sudden that it made all feel very bad, I think. The next day at 4 o'clock the services were read and his body committed to the deep. and many tears were shed. he was the only coloured man in the ship and had been with us all the voyage, a native of Porto Portugal. we had a long passage from that time ~~in~~ and previous. very rugged with



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winds, and I feeling so unwell it made the time seem much longer, sometimes it <sup>has</sup> seemed to me as if I should never reach land. I am in such a weak state, but I hope to now, as land is in sight. My husband and children seem quite smart. A.B.C.

Arrived at Hilo. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> A.D. 52. and found all our friends there in quite good health. But the most of them had been afflicted with a fever that prevailed throughout the Islands, we spent 6 days at Hilo and left the 19<sup>th</sup> in the morning for Honolulu, and arrived back of the Reef at dark on the 20<sup>th</sup> and came to anchor, soon after we went on shore to get letters and found a small number and returned about nine o'clock with them.

One of the letters brought me the unpleasant intelligence of the illness of my dear mother. which made me very sorrowful. But God knows what is best, and I pray for a reconciled and submissive heart at all times.

During the 21<sup>st</sup> our ship went into the Harbour of H. and Monday afternoon the 22<sup>d</sup> we removed on shore to spend a short time to recruit and send our oil home or fit for home. undecided at that time, we boarded at Mrs. Lons. there we found Capt. and Mrs. Abgar. and some other acquaintances. After some hesitation we concluded to go the third season, and shipped 1000 lbs oil. by J. King Sme line oil by Ship Smith Taylor. during our stay we were most all of us sick more or less. A.G. had the fever, and on Christmas eve he broke his collar bone, and put his shoulder out of joint, and Murray was quite unwell with tetting and both had the dysentery, and I was quite unwell for the most of the time, after a protracted stay of 8 weeks we left there the 17<sup>th</sup> of January: to cruise on the west side of Kewajee for sperm oil, and for my own part I was pleased to leave Honolulu for I did not have much sent there I found more on board of ship, we cruised about six weeks, obtained 1 whale that made 40 lbs. went into the Harbour of Healakakoa and got wood, and went ashore on Books Point so called, from being the place where Capt. Cook was killed. after leaving there



78 March 15<sup>th</sup>  
in a few days we went to a place called  
Toaki, (the native name Iowrie iki) or don't know  
after Raioh potatoes after a few days got a  
supply and left for Hilo, where we arrived March  
the 4<sup>th</sup>, and found our friends well as usual  
but some disappointed to find that I could not  
get accommodated in Mr Coans family for the season  
for I had previously found them so pleasant.  
but Mrs C. Health and the expectation of company  
would not admit of it. but I could stop a while,  
which was a pleasure, as my husband was not  
willing to take me another season north, and I  
should feel able to go as my health was so poor. A.

March 18<sup>th</sup> My husband kept this day for  
Babeine Honolulu and then to the Ochoa. He  
where I hope he will be fortunate, and get  
what oil he wants early. I was not ~~very~~ well  
for several days before he went, which  
made him feel more anxious about me, but he  
was in good spirits and left me and my children  
at Mr Coan to stop until Mr Pitman gets a  
house ready for me. A. B. C.

May 11<sup>th</sup> 53. This day we have removed to Mr  
Pitmans. stothard and have a nicely  
furnished house with two rooms (which is more  
than some get) and as comfortable or more so.  
than we could expect. Mrs Willis removed from  
Mr Coans at the same time with me, with her  
babe that was born there on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, a son named Henry B Willis, which is very  
pleasing, and he is a fine child. My children are  
quite well at this time. A. B. C.

August 11<sup>th</sup> 53  
August 11<sup>th</sup> 53. My Journal I think will not  
amount to much, especial if I go months and  
almost a year between writing. However I remem-  
ber what memory furnishes, soon after I  
moved here, Murry was taken unwell with  
a bad cold which lasted a week and then  
I was afflicted with a very large boil on my leg  
which kept me at home about 2 weeks



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and then Murray had another cold. &c. during the time I have received letter from home 4 times. the first containing news of my mother's recovery from her sickness. the last containing news of my father's illness. which makes me feel very bad at times. <sup>sometimes</sup> I feel as if I am unwilling to think I shall never see him more. but God knows what is best: and I pray for a submissive heart to him who rules all things. we know the time must come when we must all leave this earth. and I hope we may all be prepared to reign with Christ in a better world. I often think and pray to know what I can do that will be pleasing to my Heavenly Father. after coming so far short of my duty as a parent. for if I cannot do a parent's duty. how can I expect to do any other. I feel the need of a guardian care over me. ~~to keep me from evil~~ to keep me from evil, for I fear I have not the patience. I need, at all times, and may God grant it. This day my family with all of our company at table and most of the resident foreigners. have been about 20 or 30 miles by water to a place called Keokea. to a Chowder given by Mr Pitman. we had a very nice time but rather fatiguing to some. being seasick and having children to have the care of for myself. I was seasick enough to vomit twice going over. for the first time in a boat in my life. and I am almost ashamed to own it. I held Mrs Willis' babe, ~~the~~ being to look out for and nurse Mrs Willis. she being much sicker than myself. and Mrs Cook was very sick also. the rest of our company were brave in our boat. but others had a spice of it. as there were a number of boats. My little Murray sat on the seat most all of the way. and a first rate sailor was he. but we had a fine pleasant time, there was one unpleasant thing assumed but soon passed away. that was a canoe with 3 foreigners upon it. but they were seen not being far from the shore. so they



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were not in so much danger for they could all swim  
but it might have been much worse. We all arrived  
home safely but most of us with wet feet and some  
wet bodices for a ~~breaker~~ crept along over the stern of  
our boat after we struck the shore and before we  
had time to get out. After coming up and changing  
cloths I was so tired that I had to lie down and  
then did not feel much better. so I will quit here.

August the 6th ~~Monday~~ is Saturday night and I have  
not done much work and do not feel as if I  
wished to do a great deal but I am obliged to  
do some or go mad. I have hardly got over my  
excursion to Keohe yet. I felt almost sick for  
a day or two. Alexander and William Murray are  
well as usual. except J. C. burnt his face badly  
as well as others of our company, this afternoon

I have been a little ride on horseback with  
a few others, and took Murray out a little way  
and he was delighted. I had a few guavas  
sent me <sup>from the Keohe</sup> ~~to night~~ and a few Ohelohe berries  
sent me from Mrs Coan. She and her husband and  
two children have been up back about 14 miles  
a few days past. Yesterday there was a vessel  
came here from the other side of the Island;  
a gentleman and his wife were on board and  
the quarantine laws were enforced upon them  
but did not suit very well. I understood they  
went back a little way in a house prepared for  
the sick as they come from an infected district.

Last night about 12 o'clock a woman died  
at the Hospital with smallpox or varioloid.  
and another is sick with it there that is the  
second death at that place. I hope it will  
not spread any more but there is a chance  
for it. ~~so~~ good night. A. ....



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Aug 13<sup>th</sup>. Another sabbath has passed away never to return. and how many days of my life have been passed unimproved, I feel that they are many. but I pray for health and strength. to do my duty in future in a more faithful manner. and may God grant it. I sometimes feel myself very unable. and incapable of performing my duties as a mother. and look on the past with sadness. and still go on without that improvement in that respect that I could wish. I find with myself as with children that resolutions are easier formed than kept. what weak and erring creatures we are.

This day my family here are well as usual; except Alexanders <sup>face</sup> is very sore. from <sup>being</sup> sunburnt. we have all been to meeting this afternoon. I was rather late owing to not having the time (or a time piece) to go by. I am generally in season. for I dislike very much to go into a meeting after it is begun. Mrs Wetmore had an ill turn. of being convulsed. but got some better. before meeting was over. there is nothing more occurred. today worth mentioning and I will say good night.

Aug 14<sup>th</sup>. During the past week. my health has been as good as usual, and Alexanders. except his sunburnt face has been very tedious. and now he has a boil coming near his mouth, which is very much inflamed and painful. tonight. He finds it very hard to bear pain with patience. I know it is hard for any one but we must learn. yesterday I kindled a fire in a furnace to do a little ironing. and my little busy helping, hurry, trying to put some coal in burnt his little arm quite bad. but Mr Putman sent me some Pain killers. which I put on that took the fire out in about an hour, but he was in great distress during that time. it is better today. I hope it will prove in this case. that a burnt child dreads the fire and not do so again. but he has been burnt before. The Lady that was quarantined with her husband about a week ago. was



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confined with a son yesterday. and was  
very comfortable this morning. Their names are  
Baker. I have been to meeting this afternoon and  
had a very good sermon read by Dr Wetmore.  
Mrs Wall has been very unwell all the week  
the rest of the Ladies feel rather debilitated  
on account of warm weather I suppose. and  
want of exercise. no more at this time.

Aug 28<sup>th</sup> I have not much of interest to write but  
think I will try too. a little. as it is two weeks since I  
have in this. Our little place in that time has been  
generally healthy. except those that were sick before. Mrs  
Wall is gaining but feels rather weak yet. My health is  
about as usual. which is not the best. but middling good  
and I feel quite pleased to think I have made a <sup>fine</sup> cloth  
coat for ~~my~~ in that time. I have thought of it a long  
time and dreaded to begin it for it looked like such  
a job. but no one came and offered to do it for me. so  
I just went about it and after working on it all the  
chance I could get 95 days. I finished it. but I got quite  
nervous before it was done. and I suppose some that  
are stronger than me would too. Having it around so  
long. but I was as pleased as need be. I have plenty  
of work to think of now. however. Alexander and  
William Murray are both well now. M. has not been  
very well of late. so the pitiful. he has been cutting a  
double tooth his 17<sup>th</sup> I believe. but he is a little busy  
thing. and learns very fast. all he hears and sees. He has  
been to meeting with me this afternoon. but he is  
rather uneasy. Mrs Baker is quite unwell. she has  
taken a severe cold. I called to see her tonight she was  
feeling very bad. They have moved down quite near us.  
I am glad especially if she is sick for it was a long distance  
where they were at first. Friday night just so we sat  
down to tea. the word was that one of Mr Pitmans  
Chinamen. that works for him. was drowned in the  
Widukie River. He left the yard but a few minutes  
before. and went to cross the river. and one of the  
planks being gone he attempted to jump across.  
and fell in. and they have not found him yet.



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are never seen. There has been people drowned there before  
or near there: a young man that belonged to a N.B. ship was  
drowned there near two years ago when I was here. They are  
about to build a bridge across there from the banks, which  
are very high. It looks dangerous to look down and I must  
wonder there are not more drowned, but the natives are  
such excellent swimmers is the reason. They <sup>have</sup> saved the lives  
of many that has been upset in their boats. I do not think  
of more to write tonight and I am tired and sleepy. A.B.

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> My last subject was about the drowned man,  
well he was found the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> day and hurried after  
the Chinese customs. If I had known the time of his  
burial, and that other ladies were going I should  
have gone with them, but did not so I cannot  
describe the ceremony, but Mr. Coan made a prayer  
by the request of Mr. Pitman (as he belonged to him) and  
the rest I understood. Payered respect at the close  
of the burial. The foreign gentlemen had a present  
of a few needlesful of scarlet-collared sewing silk  
a token from the dead, that is about all I know  
of the ceremony: except they carry food for the dead man  
but take care and bring it away again.

The 5<sup>th</sup> of this month we heard the sound of  
Sail Ho. a ship in sight, in the morning. How many  
anxious eyes were gazing at her as she slowly drew  
in towards the passage. Hoping to hear from our  
absent husbands, and mayhap it might be one. But  
about sunset she was safely anchored in our Harbour  
and we had the Capt. to tea with us. but to our  
disappointment it was a ship from Kodiak where  
neither of our husbands had gone. The Laratoga Capt  
Blarling 8 months from home with 1400 lbs. tuck  
to think that he did not for they had been lost  
to 40 whales. He said he feared this coming in  
might disappoint some one, but he could not  
well help it. But we got over it and hope  
soon to see some more. The 8<sup>th</sup> I received letters  
from home that gave me pleasure to read.  
The 9<sup>th</sup> we were all hands invited over



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the river to Javan to a dinner -  
cooked in native style. we had <sup>fig.</sup> chickens. <sup>fig.</sup> Madas or taro, and pudding made of taro  
and coconut. and I cannot tell what else there  
was. for dinner we did not eat as natives, with  
our fingers. but the table was the ground, and  
fern leaves for a cloth, and we sat on the ground,  
we had cookies and pies, oranges, and bananas.  
for a lunch. we had a fine time and all got  
home safe. Last Wednesday Mrs Wall and children  
and Mrs Willis and child, and myself and children  
and Capt Harding took tea with Mrs Worth. and  
had a pleasant visit. I do not know of any more  
news. except we are all well, <sup>except my headache</sup> and have been to  
meeting today. A B C.

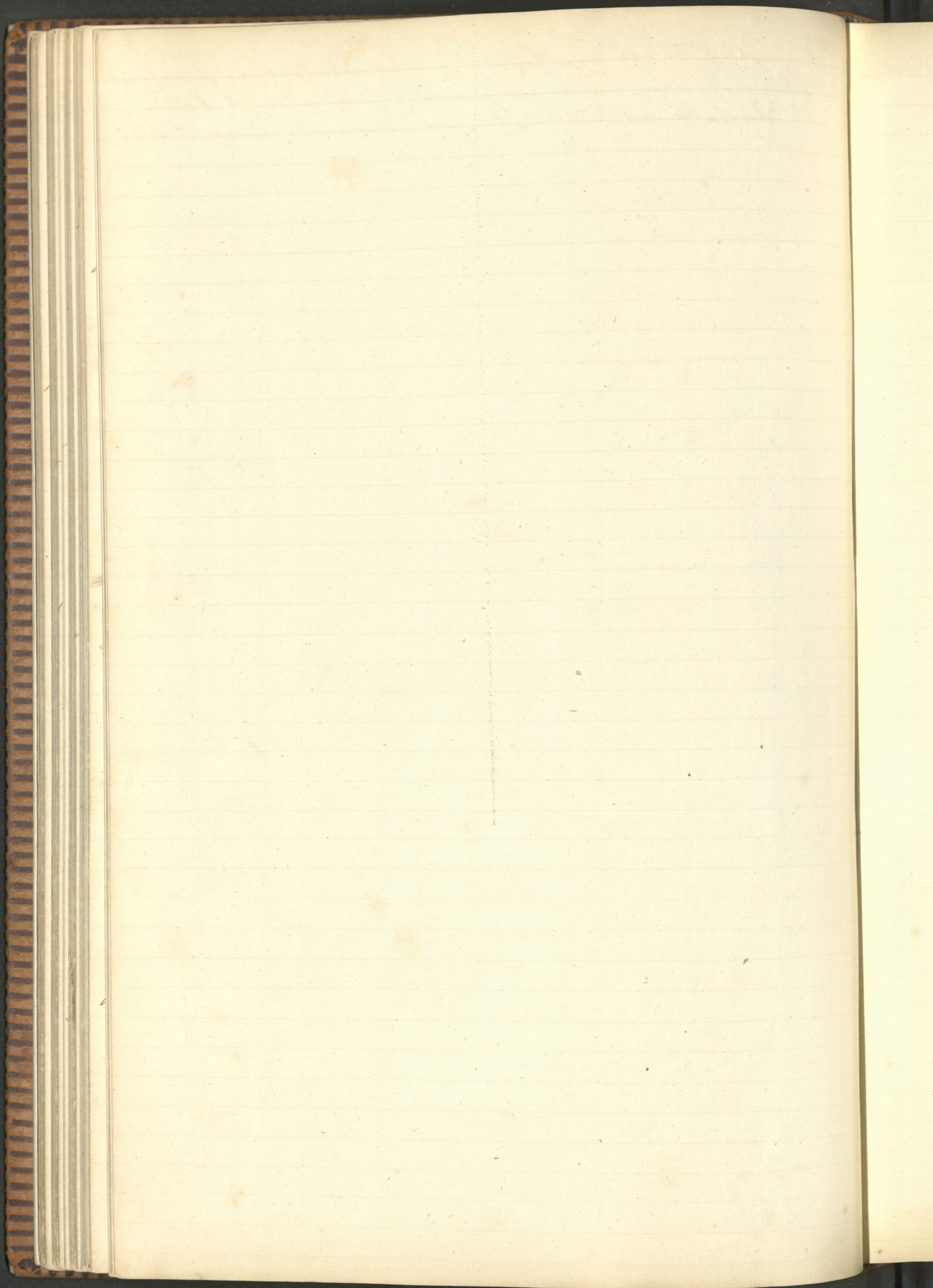
Oct. 11, 9<sup>th</sup> It is now some time and I have not  
written for I feel it is bad for my head, although  
there are many things I would like to mention.  
I will say that my family <sup>there</sup> is well as usual at this  
time. The 5<sup>th</sup> we heard the sound of Sail Ho, and  
all anxious to see and hear. watched her closely  
until she came to anchor, and the Capt landed.  
Lo, and behold it was a ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Little Norman of Alaska  
from Japan. with 6500 lbs 28 1/2 months out. so  
we could get no news there. The 8<sup>th</sup> a sail  
again, and by and by another. the first got in  
from the Arctic. the Caroline Capt. Gifford. with  
no oil or a little I believe from a dead whale.  
at tea time there was a boat arrived from  
the other ship (as there was no chance of her getting  
in last night.) which proved to be Mrs Chapells  
husband. <sup>Mr Ben Hopper</sup> with 2600 lbs whale, and of course he feels  
better than if he had none, and we were pleased  
to see him. and today there has arrived two  
more ships. the first the Mercury of A B from the  
Ochotsk Sea with 2000 lbs. and the next Capt  
Dallman with 2500 lbs from the Arctic. I feel  
thankful that God has spared them to return to  
their families. and I pray that none of the rest  
of us may <sup>now</sup> be disappointed in our expectation.



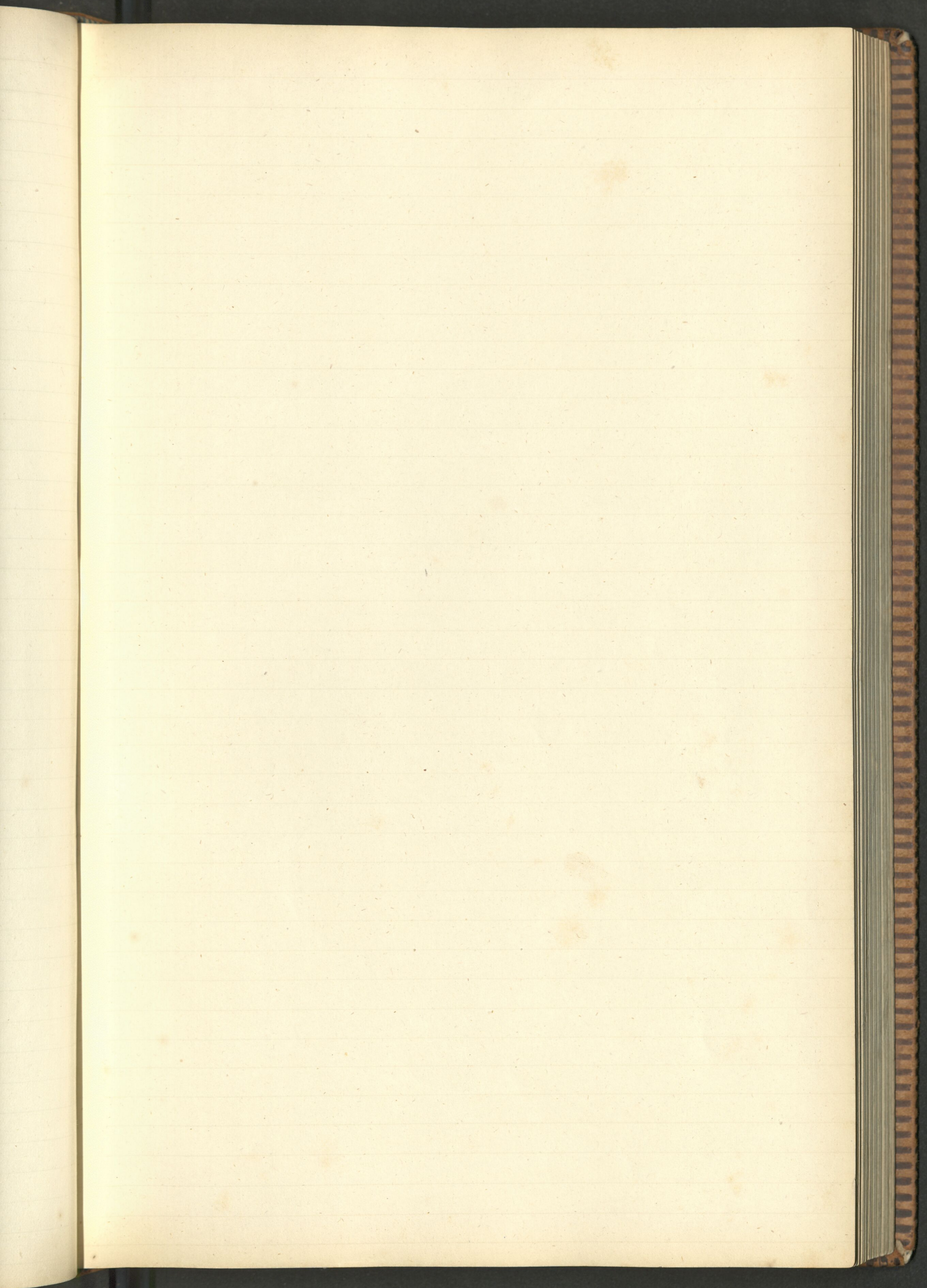
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of meeting those we love, and whether in prosperity  
or adversity, may we have grateful hearts. I have  
a headache and cannot write much now. A.B.C.

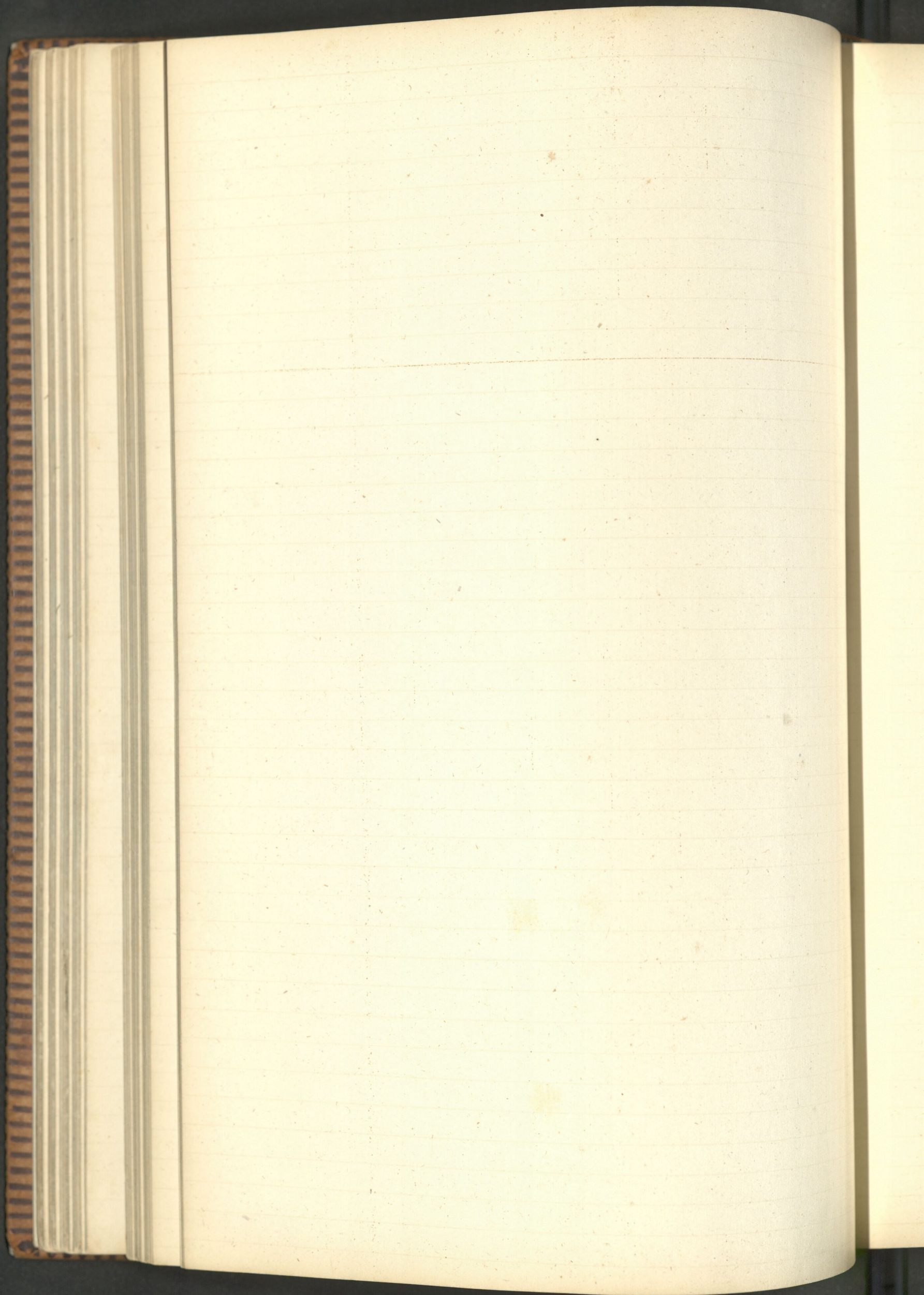




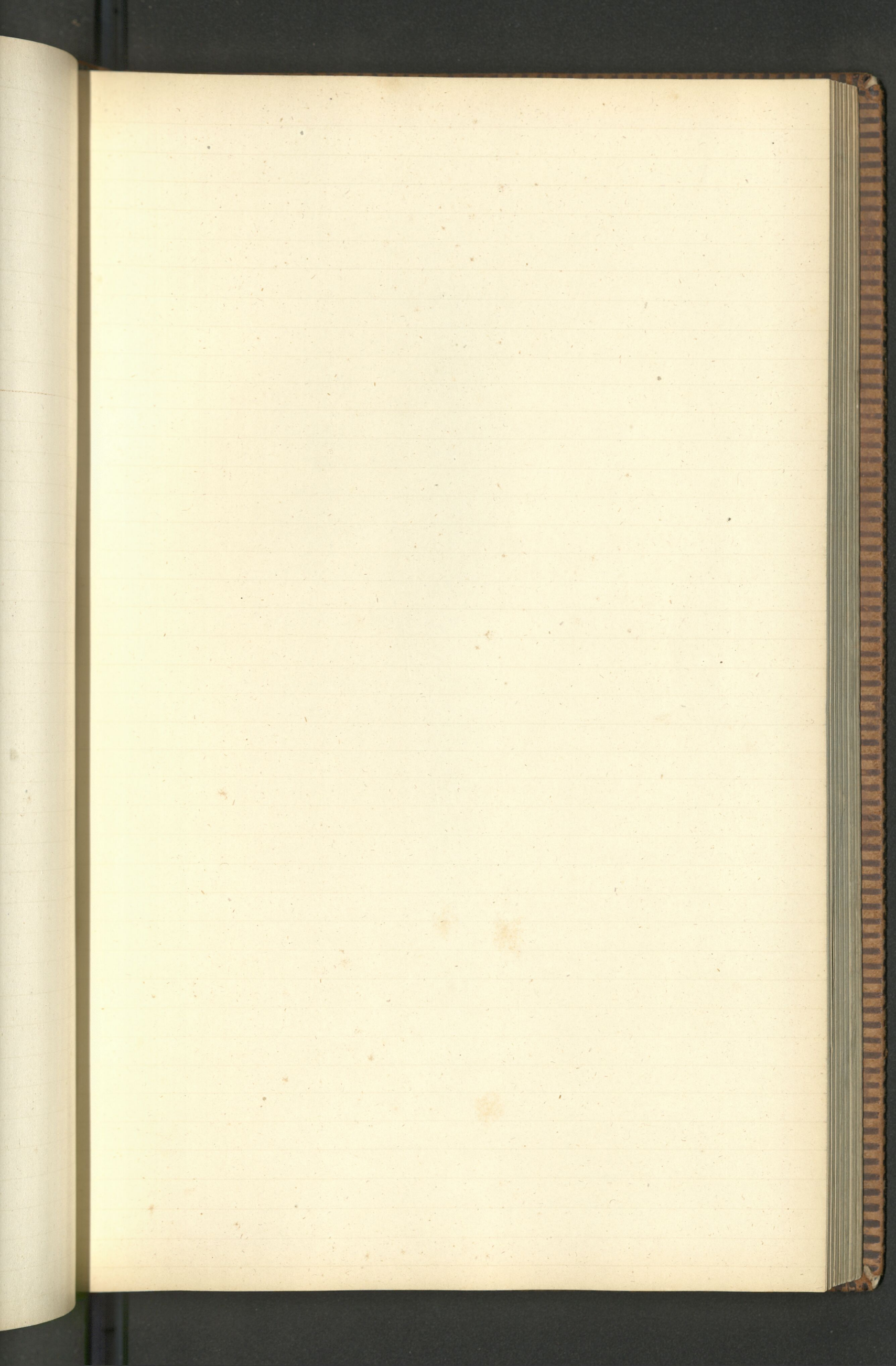




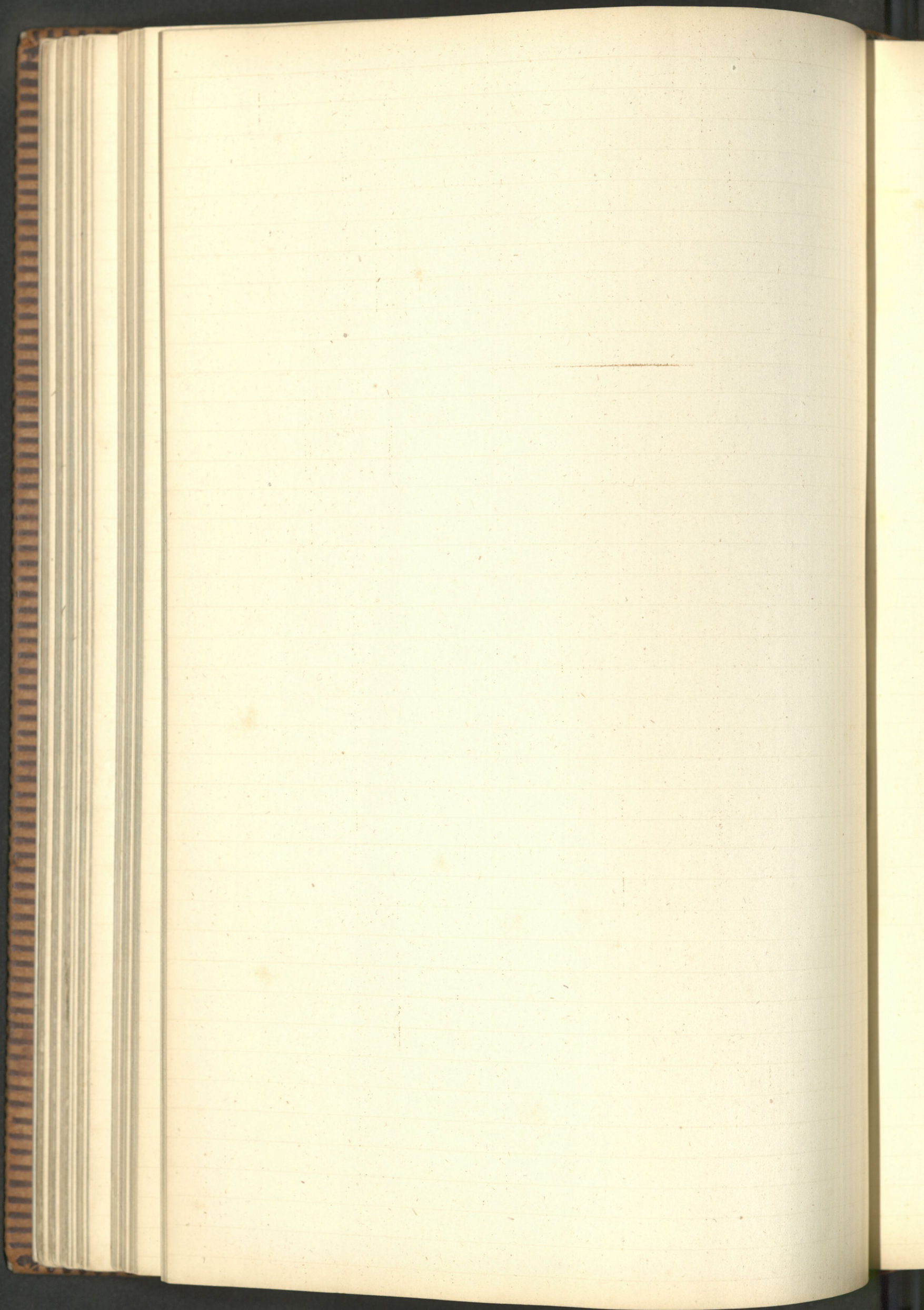














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